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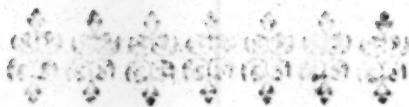
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his Voyage about the WORLD.



Ver since Almighty God commanded *Adam* to subdue the Earth, there hath not wanted in all Ages, some heroicall Spirits, which in obedience to that high mandate, either from manifest reason alluring them, or by secret instinct inforcing them thereunto, have expended their wealth, imployed their times and adventured their Persons to finde out the true circuit of the World.

Of these, some have endeavored to effect this their purpose, by conclusion and consequence, drawn from the proportion of the higher Circles, to this nethermost Globe, being the Center of the rest. Others not contented with Schoole Points & such demonstrations (for that a small error in the beginning, groweth in the progresse to a great inconvenience) have added therunto their own History and experience. All of them in reason have deserved great commendation of their owne Ages, and purchased a just renowne with all posterity. For if a Surveyor of some few Lordships, wherof the bounds and limirs were before known worthily deserve his reward, not only for his travell, but for his skill also, in measuring the whol and every part thereof: how much more above comparison, are their famous Travels by all means possible to be eternized, who have bestowed their studies and indeavour, to survey & measure this Globe almost unmeasurable? Neither is here that difference to be objected, which in private Possessions is of value. *whose Land Survey you?* forasmuch as the main Ocean by right is the Lords alone, and by nature left free, for all men to deal withal, as very sufficient

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sufficient for all mens use, & larg enough for al mens industry.

And therefore that valiant enterprise, accompanied with happy successe, which that right rare and thrice worthy Captain *Francis Drake* achieved, in first turning up a furrow about the whole world, doth not onely overmatch the ancient Argonauts, but also outreacherh in many respects, that noble Mariner *Magellanus*, and by far surpasseth his crowned Victory. But hereof let Posterity judge.

It shall for the present, be deemed a sufficient discharge of duty, to register the true and whole history of that his Voyage, with as great indifferency of affection as a history doth require, and with the plain evidence of truth, as it was left recorded by some of the chiefe, and divers other Actors in that Action.

The said Captain *Francis Drake*, having in a former voyoge, in the years 72, and 73, (the description whereof is already imparted to the view of the world) had a sight, and onely a sight of the south Arlanrik, and thereupon either conceiving a new, or renewing a former desire, of sailing on the same, in an English bottom; he so cherished thenceforward, this his noble desire and resolution in himselfe, that notwithstanding he was hindered for some years partly by secret envy at home, and partly by publicke service for his Prince and Country abroad (wherof *Ireland* under *Walter Earl of Essex* gives honorable testimony) yet against the yeare 1577. by gracious commission from his Sovereigne and with the helpe of divers friends Adventurers, he had fitted himselfe with five Ships.

1. *The Pellican*, Admirall, burthen 100. tons. Captaine generall *Francis Drake*.

2. *The Elizabeth*, Vice admirall, burthen 80 tonnes. Captaine *John Winter*.

3. *The Marigold*, a Bark of 30. tons. Captain *John Thomas*.

4. *The Swan*, a Fliboat of 50. tons. Captaine *John Chester*.

5. *The Christopher*, a Pinnace of fifteene tonnes. Captaine *Thomas Moone*.

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These Ships he mannd with 164. able and sufficient men, and furnished them also with such plentiful provision of all things necessary as so long and dangerous a Voyage did seem to require: and amongst the rest, with certaine Pinnaces ready framed, but carried aboard in peices, to be new set up in smoother water, when occasion served. Neither had he omitted, to make provision also for ornament and delight, carrying to this purpose with him expert Musicians, rich furniture (all the vessels for his Table, yea many belonging even to the Cooke-roome being of pure Silver) and divers shewes of allsorts of curious Workmanship, whereby the civility and magnificence of his native Country, might amongst all Nations whithersoever he should come, be the more admired.

Being thus appointed we set saile out of the sound of *Plimouth*, about five of the Clocke in the afternoon *November* Nov. 15. 15. of the same yeare, and running all that night Southwest, by the morning were come as far as the *Lyzard*, where meeting Nov. 16. the wind at Southwest (quite contrary to our intended course) we were forced with our whole Fleet to put in to *Palmouth*.

The next day towards evening, there arose a storme, continu- Nov. 17. ing all that night, and the day following (especially betweene 18. ten of the Clocke in the forenoone, and five in the afternoone) with such violence, that though it were in a very good Harbor, yet two of our Ships, viz. the Admirall (wherein our Generall himselfe went) and the *Marigold* were faine to cut their maine Masts by board, and for the repairing of them, and many other damages in the tempest sustained (as soone as the Weather would give leave) to beare back to *Plimmouth* again, where we all arrived the thirteenth day after our first departure thence. Nov. 28.

Whence having in few dayes supplied all defects with hap- Dec. 13. pier sailes we once more put to Sea *December* 13. 1577. 1577.

As soon as we were out of sight of Land, our Generall gave us occasion to conjecture in part, whither he intended, both by the directing of his course, and appointing the Randevous (if any

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Dece. 25. any should be severed from the Fleet to be the Island *Mogadore*. And so sailing with favorable winds, the first Land that we had sight of, was *Cape Cantine* in *Barbary* December 25. Christmas day in the morning. The shoare is faire white Sand, and the inland country very high and mountainous, it lyeth in 32. deg. 30. min. North latitude, and so coasting from hence Southward, about 18 leagues, we arrived the same day at *Mogadore* the Island before named.

This *Mogadore*, lies under the dominion of the King of *Fesse* in 31. deg. 40. m. about a mile off from the shoar, by this means making a good harbor between the Land and it. It is uninhabited, of about a league in circuit, not very high Land, all overgrown with a kinde of shrub Brest high, not much unlike our priver, very full of Doves and therefore much frequented of Goshawks, and such like Birds of prey, besides divers sorts of Sea fowl very plenty. At the South side of this Island are three hollow Rocks, under which are great store of very wholesome but very ugly fish to looke to. Lying here about a mile from the maine, a Boat was sent to sound the Harbor, and finding it safe, and in the very entrance on the north side about five or six fathome water (but at the Souther side it is very dangerous) we brought in our whole Fleet December 27. and continued there till the last day of the same Month, imploying our leasure, the meane while, in setting up a Pinnace, one of the foure brought from home in peeces with us. Our abode here was soon perceived by the Inhabitants of the country, who coming to the shoar by signes and cries made shew, that they desired to be ferched aboard, to whom our Generall sent a Boat, in which two of the chiefeest of the *Moors* were presently received, and one man of ours in exchange, left a land as a pledge for their returne.

They that came aboard were right courteously entertained with a dainty banquet, and such gifts as they seemed to be most glad of, that they might thereby understand, that this Fleet came in peace and friendship, offering to Traffique with them

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for such commodities as their country yeilded, to their own content. This offer they seemed most gladly to accept, and promised the next day to resort again, with such things as they had to exchange for ours. It is a law amongst them to drink no wine, notwithstanding by stealth it pleaseth them well to have it abundantly, as here was experience. At their return ashore, they quietly restored the pledge which they had stayed, and the next day, at the hour appointed, returning again, brought with them Camels, in shew loaden with wares to be exchanged for our commodities, and calling for a boat in hast, had one sent them, according to order, with our Generall (being at this present absent, had given before his departure to the Island).

Our boat coming to the place of landing (which was among the rocks) one of our men called *John Fry*, mistrusting no danger; nor fearing any harm pretended by them, and therefore intending to become a pledge, according to the order used the day before, readily stept out of the boat and ran a land, which opportunity (being that which the *Moores* did look for) they took the advantage of; and not only they which were in sight layed hands on him to carry him away with them, but a number more, which lay secretly hidden, did forthwith break forth from behind the rock, whether they had conveyed themselves (as seemeth the night before) forcing our men to leave the rescuing of him that was taken as captive, and with speed to shift for themselves.

The cause of this violence, was a desire which the King of *Fesse* had, to understand what this fleet was, whether any fore-runner of the Kings of *Portugall* or no; and what newes of certainty the fleet might give him. And therefore after that he was brought to the K. presence, & had reported that they were English men, bound for the *Straights*, under the conduct of generall *Drake*, he was sent back again with a present to his captain and offer of great courtesie and friendship, if he would use his country. But in this mean time, the generall being grieved with this shew of injury, and intending, if he might, to recover

1577. or redeem his man, his pinnace being ready, landed his company, and marched somewhat into the countrey, without any resistance made against him: neither would the *Moore*s, by any meanes come nigh our Men, to deale with them any way; wherefore having made provision of wood, as also visited an old fort, built sometime by the King of *Portugall*, but now ruined by the King of *Fesse*, we departed *December 31.* towards *Cape Blank*, in such sort, that when *Fry* returned, he found to his great grief, that the fleet was gone: but yet, by the Kings favor, he was sent home into *England* not long after, in an English Merchants ship.
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- Shortly after our putting forth of this harbor, we were met with contrary winds and foule weather, which continued till the fourth of *January*: yet we still held on our course, and the third day after, fell with cape *De Guerre* in 30. deg. minutes where we lighted on 3. *Spanish* fishermen called *Cauners*, whom we took with our new pinnace, and carried along with us, till we came to *Rio Del Oro*, just under the Tropick of Cancer: where with our pinnace also we took a carvell. From hence, till the 15. day, we sailed on towards cape *Barbas*, where the Marigold took a carvell mores, and so onward to cape
- Jan. 7.*
- Jan. 13.*
- Jan. 15.*
- Jan. 16.* *Blanck* till the next day at night.

This cape lyeth in 20. deg. 30. min. sheweth it self upright like the corner of a wall, to them that come towards it from the North, having between it and cape *Barbas*, low, sandy, and very white land all the way. Here we observed the south *Guards*, called the *Crossiers* 9. deg. 30. min. above the Horizon. Wherein the cape, we took one *Spanish* ship more riding at anchor (all her men being fled ashore in the boat save two) which with all the rest we have formerly taken, we carried into the harbor, 3. leagues within the cape.

Here our Generall determined, for certain dayes to make his abode, both for that the place afforded plenty of fresh victuals, for the present refreshing of our men, & for their future supply at sea (by reason of the infinite store of divers sorts of good

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good fish, which are there easie to be taken, even within the harbor, the like whereof is hardly to be found again, in any part of the world) as also, becaule it served very fitly, for the dispatching of some other busineses that we had. During the time of our abode in this place, our generall being a shoare was visited by certain of the people of the country, who brought down with them a woman a *Moore* (with her little babe hanging upon her dry dug, having scarce life in her selfe, much lesse milk to nourish her child) to be sould as a horse, or a cow and calf by her side, in which sort of merchandise our generall would not deale. But they had also Amber-greeces, with certain gums of some estimation, which they brought to exchange with our men for water (whereof they have great want) so that coming with their *Allforges* (they are leathern bags holding liquor) to buy water, they cared not at what price they bought it, so they may have to quench their thirst. A very heavy judgement of God upon that coast! The circumstances whereof considered, our generall would receive nothing of them for water, but freely gave it them that came to him, yea & fed them also ordinarily with our victuals, in eating whereof, their manner was not uncivill, and unsightly to us, but even inhumane and loathsome in it self.

And having washed and trim'd our ships, and discharged all our spanish prizes, excepting one *Caunter* (for which we gave to the owner of our own ships, viz. the *Christopher*) and one carvell formerly bound to *Saint Jago*, which we caused to accompany us hither, where she also was discharged: after six dayes abode here, we departed, directing our course for the Islands of cape *Verde*, where (if any were) we were of necessity to store our fleet with fresh water, for a long time, for that our generall intended from thence to run a long coure (even to the coast of *Brafill*) without touch of land. And now, having the wind constant at *North East*, & *E. North E.* which is usuall about those parts, because it bloweth almost continually from the shoare. *January* the 27. we coasted *Bonavista*, and the next day

1577, after we came to anchor under the Wester part (towards St.
 Jan. 28. *Jago*) of the Island *Maio*, it lyeth in 15. deg. 00. high land, sa-
 ving that the North-west part stretcheth out into the sea, the
 space of a league very low, and is inhabited by subjects to the
 King of *Portugall*.

Jan. 29. Here landing, in hope of traffique with the inhabitants for
 water, we found a Town not farre from the waters side, of a
 great number of desolate and ruinous houses, with a poor na-
 ked Chappell or Oratory, such as small cost and charge might
 serve and suffice, being to small purpose, and as it seemeth on-
 ly to make a shew, and that a false shew, contrary to the nature
 of a scarecrow, which feareth birds from coming nigh; this en-
 tiseth such as passe by to hale in, and look for commodity,
 which is not at all to be found there; though in the inner parts
 of the Island it be in great abundance.

For when we found the Springs and Wells which had been
 there (as appeareth) stopped up again, and no other water, to
 purpose to be had to serve our need, we marched up to seek
 some more convenient place to supply our want, or at least to
 see whether the people would be dealt withall, to help us there-
 in. In this travelling, we found the soile to be very fruitfull, ha-
 ving every where plenty of fig trees, with fruit upon most of
 them. But in the vallies and low ground, where little low cotta-
 ges were built, were pleasant vineyards planted, bearing then
 ripe and most pleasant grapes. There were also trees, without
 any branch till the top, which bare the *Coco nuts*. There were
 also great store of certain lower trees, with long and broad
 leaves, bearing the fruit which they call *Plantanes*, in clusters
 together like puddings, a most dainty and wholesome fruit. All
 of these trees were even laden with fruit, some ready to be ea-
 ten, others coming forward, others over ripe. Neither can this
 seem strange, though about the middest of winter with us, for
 that the Sun doth never withdraw himself farther off from
 them, but that with his lively heat he quickneth and strength-
 neth the power of the soile and plant; neither ever have they
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any such frost and cold, as thereby to loose their green hew and appearance. 1577.

We found very good water in diverse places, but so far off from the road, that we could not with any reasonable paines enjoy it. The people would by no meanes be induced to have any conference with us, but keeping in the most sweet & fruitfull vallie among the hils, where their Towns and places of dwelling were, gave us leave without interruption to take our pleasure in surviewing the Island, as they had some reason, not to endanger themselves, where they saw they could reape nothing sooner then damage & shame, if they should have offer'd violence to them which came in peace to do them no wrong at all. This Iland yeildeth other great commodities, as wonderfull heards of goats, infinite store of wilde hens, & salt without labour (only the gathering it together excepted) which continually in a marvellous quantity is increased upon the sands by the flowing of the sea, and the heate of the Sunne kerning the same. So that of the increase thereof they keep a continuall traffique with their neighbours in the other adjacent Islands. We set saile thence the 30. day.

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Being departed from *Maio*, the next day we passed by the Island of *Sain Jago*, ten leagues west of *Maio* in the same latitude, inhabited by the *Portugals* and *Moors* together. The cause whereof is said to have been in the *Portugals* themselves, who (continuing long time Lords within themselves, in the said Island) used that extream and unreasonable cruelty over their slaves, that (their bondage being intollerable) they were forced to seek some means to help themselves, and to lighten that so heavy a burden; and thereupon chose to flie into the most mountany parts of the Island: and at last, by continuall escapes, increasing to a great number, and growing to a set strength, do now live, with that terror of their oppressors, that they now endure no les bondage in mind then the *Forcados* did before in body: besides the dammage that they daily suffer at their hands in their goods and cattel, together with the abrid-

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1577. ging of their liberties in the use of divers parts of the fruitfull soile of the said Island: which is very large, marvellous fruitfull (a refuge for all such ships as are bound towards *Brafill*, *Ginny*, the East Indies, *Binny*, *Calecut*, &c.) and a place of rare force, if it were not for the cause afore-recited, which hath much abated the pride, and cooled the courage of that people, who (under pretence of trafique and friendship) at first making an entrance ceased not, practising upon the poore Islands) the ancient remainders of the first planters thereof, as it may seem from the coast of *Guinea*) untill they had excluded them from all government and liberty, yea almost life.

On the South-west of this Island, we took a Portugall laden the best part with wine, and much good cloth, both linnen and woollen, besides other necessities, bound for *Brafill*, with many Gentlemen and Marchants in her.

As we passed by with our fleet, in sight of 3. of their towns, they seemed very joyfull that we touched not with our coast; and seeing us depart peaceably, in honour of our fleet and Generall, or rather to signifie that they were provided for an assault, shot off two great peeces into the sea, which were answered by one given them again from us.

South-west from Saint *Jago* in 14. deg. 30. min. about twelve leagues distant, yet, by reason of the height seeming not above three leagues lyeth another Island, called of the Portugals *Fogo*, viz. the burning Iland, or fiery furnace, in which riseth a steepe upright hill, by conjecture at least six leagues, or eighteen *English* miles from the upper part of the water within the bowels whereof, is a consuming fire, maintained by sulphure matter, seeming to be a marvellous depth, and also very wide. The fire sheweth it self but four times in an houre, at which times it breaketh out with such violence & force, and in such main abundance, that besides that it giveth light like the Moone a great way off, it seemeth, that it would not stay till it touch the heavens themselves. Herein are ingendred great store of prumice stones, which being in the vehement heat of the fire
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carried up without the mouth of that fiery body, fall down, with other grosse and slimy matter upon the hill, to the continuall increasing of the same. And many times these stones falling down into the sea are taken up and used, as we our selves had experience by sight of them swimming on the water. The rest of the Island is fruitfull notwithstanding, and is inhabited by *Portugals*, who live very commodiously therein, as in the other Islands thereabout.

Upon the South side, about two leagues off this Island of burning, lyeth a most sweet and pleasant Island, the trees thereof are alwaies green and faire to look on, the soile almost full set with trees, in respect whereof its named the brave Island, being a storehouse of many fruits and commodities, as figs alwaies ripe, cocos, plantons, oranges, limons, cotton, &c. from the banks into the sea do run in many places the silver streams of sweet and wholesome water, which with boats or pinnaces may easily be taken in. But there is no convenient place or roade for ships, neither any anchroaching at all. For after long triall, and often casting of leads, there could no ground be had at any hand, neither was it ever known (as is reported) that any line would fetch ground in any place about that Island. So that the top of *Fogo* burneth not so high in the aire, but the root of *Brava* (so is the Island called) is buried and quenched as low in the Seas. The only inhabitant of this Island is an Hermit, as we suppose, for we found no other houses but one, built as is seemed for such a purpose; and he was so delighted in his solitary living, that he would by no meanes abide our coming, but fled, leaving behind him the relicks of his false worship; to wit, a crosse, with a cruxifix, an altar with his super-altar, and certain other Idols of wood of rude workmanship.

Here we dismissed the *Portugals* taken neere Saint *Jago*, and gave to them in exchange of their old ship, our new pinnace built at *Mogadore*: with wine, bread, and fish for their provision, and so sent them away, Feb. 1.

Having thus visited, as is declared, the Island of cape *Verde*, and

1577. and provided fresh water as we could, the second of *Feb.* we departed thence, directing our course towards the *Straights*, so to passe into the South Sea; in which course we sailed 63. dayes
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Feb. 17. without sight of land (passing the line equinoctiall the 17. day of the same moneth) till we fell with the coast of *Brasill*, the
Apr. 5. fifth of *April* following.

During which long passage on the vast gulph, where nothing but sea beneath us and aire above us was to be seen, as our eyes did behold the wonderfull works of God in his creatures, which he had made innumerable both small and great beasts, in the great and wide Seas: so did our mouthes taste, and our natures fed on, the goodnes thereof in such fulness at all time, and in every place, as if he had commanded and enjoined the most profitable and most glorious works of his hands to wait upon us, not alone for the relief of our necessities, but also to give us delight in the contemplation of his excellence, in beholding the variety and order of his providence, with a particular tast of his fatherly care over us all the while.

The truth is, we often met with adverse winds, unwelcome stormes, and to us (at that time) less welcome calms, and being as it were in the bosome of the burning zone, we felt the effects of sultring heat, not without the affrights of flashing lightning, and terrifyings of often claps of thunder; yet still with the admixture of many comforts. For this we could not but take notice of, that whereas we were but badly furnished (our case considered) of fresh water (having never at all warred (to any purpose, or that we could say we were much the better for it) from our first setting forth out of *England* till this time, nor meeting with any place where we might conveniently water, till our coming to the river of Plate, long after) continually, after once we were come within foure degrees of the line on this side, *viz.* after. *Feb. 10.* and till we were past the line as many pegrees towards the South, *viz.* till *Feb. 27.* there was no one day went over us but we received some raine, whereby our want of water was much supplied.

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This also was observable, that of our whole fleet, being now 1577. 6. in number, notwithstanding the uncouthnes of the way, and what ever other difficulties, by weather or otherwise we met withall, not any one, in all this space, lost company of the rest; except only our Portugall prise for one day, who *March 28.* was severed from us, but the day following *March 29.* she found us again, to both her own, and our no little comfort: she had in her 28. of our men, and the best part of all our provision for drink; her short absence caused much doubting and sorrow in the whole company, neither could she then have been finally lost, without the overthrow of the whole voyage.

Among the many strange creatures which we saw, we took heedfull notice of one, as strange as any; to wit, the flying fish, a fish of the bigness and proportion, of a reasonable or middle sort of Pilchards: he hath finnes, of the length of his whole body, from the bulk to the top of the taile, bearing the forme, and supplying the like use to him, that wings do to other creatures. By the help of those fins, when he is chased of the *Bonito*, or great mackrel (whom the *Aurata* or dolphin likewise pursueth) and hath not strength to escape by swimming any longer, he lifteth up himself above the water, & flieth a pretty height, sometimes lighting into Boats or Barks as they saile along: The quills of their wings are so proportionable, and finely set together, with a most thinne and dainty film, that they might seem to serve for a much longer or higher flight, but the dryness of them is such, after some 10. or. 12. strokes, that he must needs into the water again to moisten them, which else would grow stiffe and unfit for motion. The increase of this little and wonderfull creature is in a manner infinite, the fry whereof lyeth upon the upper part of the waters, in the heat of the Sun, as dust upon the face of the earth, which being in bignesse of a wheat straw, and in length an inch more or leis, do continually exercise themselves in both their faculties of nature: wherein, if the Lord had not made them expert indeed, their generation could not have continued, being so desired a prey to so many,

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which greedily hunt after them, forcing them to escape in the aire by flight, when they cannot in the waters live in safety. Neither are they always free, or without danger in their flying; but as they escape one evill, by refusing the waters, so they sometimes fall into as great a mischief, by mounting up into the aire, and that, by means of a great and ravening fowle, named of some a *Don* or *Spurkite*, who feeding chiefly on such fish as he can come by at advantage, in their swimming in the brim of the waters, or leaping above the same, presently ceaseth upon them with great violence, making havock, especially among these flying fishes, though with small profit to himself.

There is another sort of fish, which likewise flyeth in the aire, named a *Cuttill*: its the same, whose bones the Goldsmiths commonly use, or at least not unlike the sort, a multitude of which, have at one time, in their flight, fallen into our ships, amongst our men.

Passing thus, in beholding the most excellent works of the eternall God in the seas, as if we had been in a garden of pleasure. *April 5.* we fell with the coast of *Brazils* in 31. deg. 30. mi. towards the pole Antartick, where the land is low neere the sea, but much higher within the countrey; having in depth not above 12. fathome, 3. leagues off from the shoare: and being descried by the inhabitants, we saw great and huge fires, made by them in sundry places. Which order of making fires, though it be universall, as well among Christians as Heathens, yet is it not likely that many do use it to that end, which the *Brasilians* do: to wit, for a sacrifice to Divels, whereat they intermix many and divers ceremonies of conjurations, casting up great heaps of sand, to this end, that if any ships, shall go about to stay upon their coasts, their ministring spirits may make wrack of them, whereof the *Portugals* by the losse of divers of their ships, have had often experience.

In the reports of *Magellanes* voyage, it is said, that this people pray to no manner of thing, but live only according to the instinct of nature, which if it were true, there should seeme to be

be a wonderfull alteration in them, since that time, being fallen from a simple and naturall creature, to make Gods of Divels; but I am of the mind, that it was with them then, as now it is, only they lacked then the like occasion, to put it in practise, which now they have: for then, they lived as a free people among themselves, but now, are in most miserable bondage & slavery, both in body, goods, wife, and children, and life it self to the *Portugals*, whose hard and most cruell dealings against them, forceth them to fly into the unfruitfull parts of their own land, rather there to starve, or at least live miserably with liberty, then to abide such intollerable bondage, as they lay upon them, using the aforesaid practises with Divels, both for a revenge against their oppressors, and also for a defence, that they have no further entrance into the country. And supposing in deed, that no other had used travell by sea in ships, but their enemies only, they therefore used the same at our coming: notwithstanding, our God made their divelish intent of none effect; for albeit there lacked not (within the space of our falling with this coast) forcible storms and tempests, yet did we sustain no damage, but only the separating of our ships out of shoare, but we could find no harbor in many leagues. And therefore coasting along the land, towards the south, *April 7.* *April 7.* we had a violent storm, for the space of 3. houres, with thunder, lightning, and rain in great abundance, accompanied with a vehement south wind, directly against us, which caused a separation of the *Christopher* (viz. the Caunter which we took at cape *Blank*, in exchange for the *Christopher*, whose name she hence forward bore) from the rest of the fleet.

After this, we keep on our course, sometime to the seaward; sometimes toward the shoare, but alwaies southward, as neere as we could: till *April 14.* in the morning, at which time we *April 14* passed by Cape Saint *Mary*, which lies in 35. deg. neere the mouth of the river of *Plate*: and running within it about 6, or 7. leagues along by the maine, we came to anchor in a bay,

1578. under another cape which our Generall afterwards called
 Apr. 16. cape Joy, by reason of the second day after our anchoring
 here, the *Christopher* (whom we had lost in the former storm) came to us again.

Among other cares which our Generall took in this action, next the main care of effecting the voyage it self, these were the principall and chiefly subordinate: to keep our whole fleet (as neere as possible we could) together; to get fresh Water which is of continual use; & to refresh our men wearied with long toyls at sea, as oft as vve should find any opportunity of effecting the same. And for these causes it vvas determined, & publique notice thereof given at our departure from the Islands of cape *Verde*; that the next randevouze both for the recollecting of our navy (if it should be despersed) as also vva-tering, and the like, should be the river of Plate: vvhether vve vvere all to repaire with all the convenient speed that could be made, and to stay one for another, if it should happen that vve could not arrive there altogether; and the effect vve found ansvverable to our expectations, for here our severed ship (as hath been declared) found us again, and here vve found those other helps also so much desired. The country here about is of a temperate and most sweet aire and pleasant to behold, and besides the exceeding fruitfulnessse of the soyle, its stored with plenty of large and mighty Deere.

Notwithstanding that in this first bay vve found sweet and
 April 16 vvhole some water even at pleasure; yet the same after the arrivall of *Caunter*, we removed some twelve leagues farther up into another; where we found a long rock, or rather Island of rocks, not far from the main; making a commodious harbor, especially against a southerly wind: under them we anchored, and rode till the 20. day at night; in which mean space we killed divers Seales, or sea-wolves (as the Spaniard calls them) which resorted to these rocks in great abundance. They are good meat, and were an acceptable food to us for the present, and a good supply of our provision for the future.

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Hence *April 20.* we waighed again and sailed yet further ^{1578.} up into the river, even till we found but three fadome deep, & *April 20* that we roade with our ships in fresh water; but we staid not there, nor in any other place of the river, because that the winds being strong, the shoals many, and no safe harbor found, we could not without our great danger so have done. Hailing therefore to seaward again, the 27. of the same moneth (after *April 27.* that we had spent a just fortnight in that river, to the great comfort of the whole fleet) we passed by the south side thereof into the main. The land here lieth south, south W. and N. N.E. with shole water, some 3. or 4 leagues off into the sea: its about 36. deg. 20. min. and somewhat better south latitude.

At our very first coming forth to sea again, to wit, the same *April 27.* night our fly-boat the Swan lost company of us: whereupon, though our Generall doubted nothing of her happy coming forward again to the rest of the fleet; yet because it was grievous to have such often losses, and that it was his duty as much as in him lay, to prevent all inconveniences besides, that might grow; he determined to diminish the number of his ships, thereby to draw his men unto less room; that both the fewer ships might the better keep company, & that they might also be the better appointed with new and fresh supplies of provision & men, one to ease the burden of another: especially, for that he saw the coast (it draweth now toward winter here) to be subject to many and grievous storms: and therefore he continued on his course, to find out a convenient harbor for that use; searching all that coast from 36. to 47. deg. (as diligently as contrary winds and sundry storms would permit) and yet found none for the purpose. And in the mean time, *viz. May 8.* by another storm the *Caunter* also was once more severed from us. *May 12.* we had sight of land, in 47. deg. where we were forced to come to anchor in such roade as we could find for the time. Neverthelesse our Generall named the place cape *Hope*, by reason of a bay discovery within the headland, which seem'd to promise a good and commodious harbor. But by reason of

1578. many rocks lying off from the place, we durst not adventure with our ships into it without good and perfect discovery beforehand made.

Our Generall, especially in matters of moment, was never wont to rely only on other mens care, how trusty or skillfull soever they might seem to be; but alwayes contemning danger and refusing no toyle, he was wont himself to be one whosoever was a second at every turn, where courage, skill, or industry was to be imployed; neither would he at this time intrust the discovery of these dangers to anothers pains, but rather to his own experience, in searching out and founding of them. A boat being therefore hoised forth, himself with some others the next morning, *May 13.* rowed into the bay; and being now very nigh the shore, one of the men of the country shewed himself unto him seeming very pleasant, singing and dancing, after the noise of a rattle which he shook in his hand, expecting earnestly his landing.

But there was suddenly so great an alteration in the weather, into a thick and misty fogge; together with an extream storm and tempest, that our general being now 3. leagues from his ship, thought it be better to return; then either to land, or make any other stay; and yet the fog thickned so mightily, that the sight of the ships was bereft them, and if Cap. *Thomas* (upon the abundance of his love and service to his generall) had not adventured with his ship to enter that bay, in this perplexity, where good advice would not suffer our ships to beare in, while the winds were more tolerable, and the aire cleerer: we had sustained some great loss, or our generall had been further endangered, who was now quickly received aboard his ships out of which, being within the bay, they let fall an anchor, and rode there (God be praised) in safety: but our other ships, riding without, were so oppressed with the extremity of the storm, that they were forced to run off to the sea for their own safegard, being in good hope only of the good successe of that ship, which was gone in to relieve our generall; before this storm

storm arose, our Caunter formerly lost, was come in the same day unto us in the same roade, but was put to sea again the same evening with the rest of the fleet. 1578.

The next day *May 14.* the weather being faire, and the winds moderate, but the fleet out of sight, our genera'l determined to go ashore, to this end, that he might, by making of fires, give signes to the disperfed ships, to come together again into the roade: whereby at last, they were all assembled, excepting the *Swan*, lost long time before, and excepting our *Portugal* prise, called the *Mary*; which waying in this last storm, the night before, and now lost company, and was not found again in a long time after. *May 14.*

In this place (the people being removed up into the country, belike for feare of our comming) we found neere unto the rocks, in houses made for that purpose, as also in divers other places, great store of *Ostriches* at least to the number of 50. with much other foule; some dried and some in drying for their provision, as it seemed, to carry with them to the place of their dwellings. The *Ostriches* thighes were in bignesse quall to reasonable legs of mutton, they cannot flie at all; but they run so swiftly, and take so long strides, that it is not possible for a man in running by any meanes to take them, neither yet to come so nigh them, as to have any shot at them either with bow or peece: whereof our men had often proof on other parts of that coast, for all the country is full of them; we found there the tools or instruments which the people use in taking them. Among other means they use in betraying of these *Ostriches*, they have a great and large plume of feathers, orderly compact together upon the end of a staff; in the forepart bearing the liknes of the head, neck, and bulk of an *Ostrich*; & in the hinder part, spreading it self out very large, sufficient (being holden before him) to hide the most part of the body of a man: with this it seemeth they staulk, driving them into some strait or neck of land close to the sea side; where spreading long and strong nets, with their dogs which they have in readinesse at all times,

1578. times, they overthrow them, and make a common quarry. The country is very pleasant, and seemeth to be a fruitfull soyle.

Being afterwards driven to fall with this place again, we had great acquaintance & familiarity with the people, who rejoiced greatly in our coming, and in our friendship, in that we had done them no harm. But because this place was not fit or convenient harbor for us, to do our necessary business; niether yet to make provision of such things as we wanted, as Water,

May 15. Wood, and such like, we departed thence the 15. of *May*.

At our departure thence, we held our course South and by West, and made about 9 leagues in 24. houres; bearing very little saile, that our fleet might the easier get up with us, which by reason of the contrary winds, were cast a stern of us.

In 47. deg. 30. min. we found a bay, which was faire, safe, and beneficiall to us, very necessary for our use; into which
May 17. we haled, and anchored *May 17.* and the next day, *May 18.* we came further into the same bay, where we cast anchor, and made our abode full 15. dayes.

The very first day of our arrivall here, our generall having set things in some order, for the dispatch of our necessary business, being most carefull for his 2. ships which were wanting, sent forth to the southward, Captain *Winter* in the *Elizabeth* vice-admiral; himself in the Admiral, going forth northward, into the sea, to see, if happily they might meet vvith either of them: at which times, by the good providence of God, he himself met with the Swan, formerly lost at our departure from the river of Plate, and brought her into the same harbor, the same day: where being after unloaden, and discharged of her freight, she was cast off, and her iron work, & other necessities being saved, for the better provision of the rest; of the remainder was made firewood, and other implements which we wanted. But all this while, of the other ship which we lost so lately, in our extremity, we could have no newes.

While we were thus imployed, after certain dayes of our stay in this place, being on shoare in an Island nigh unto the main,

main, where a low water was free passage on foote, from the one to the other; the people of the country did shew themselves unto us, with leaping, dancing, and holding up of their hands, and making outcries after their manner: but being then high water, we could not go over to them on foot. Wherefore the generall caused immediatly a boat to be in readines, and sent unto them such things as he thought would delight them, as knives, bells, bugles, and whereupon they being assembled together upon a hill, half an *English* mile from the waters side, sent down two of their company, running one after the other with a great grace, traversing their ground as it seemed after the manner of their wars, by degrees descending towards the waters side very swiftly. Notwithstanding drawing nigh unto it, they made a stay, refusing to come neer our men, which our men perceiving, sent such things as they had tyed with a string upon a rod, and stuck the same up a reasonable distance from them, where they might see it. And as soon as our men were departed from the place, they came and took those things, leaving in stead of them, as in recompence, such feathers as they use to weare about their heads, with a bone made in manner of a toothpick, carved round about the top, and in length about six inches, being very smoothly burnished. Whereupon our Generall, with divers of his Gentlemen and company, at low water went over to them to the maine.

Against his coming they remained still upon the hill, and set themselves in a rank, one by one, appointing one of their company to run before them from the one end of the rank to the other, and so back again, continually East and West, with holding up his Hands over his Head, and yeilding forward his body in his running toward the rising and setting of the Sun: and at every second or third turne at the most, crected his body against the midst of the rank of the people, lifting himself vaulting-wise from the ground towards the Moon, being then over our heads: signifying thereby, as we conceived, that they called the Sunne and Moon (whom they serve for
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gods) to witnesse, that they meant nothing towards us but peace. But when they perceived that we ascended the hill apace, and drew nigh unto them, they seemed very fearfull of our comming.

Wherefore our Generall not willing to give them any way any occasion to mislike, or be discomfited, retyred his company; whereby they were so allured, and did so therein confirm themselves of us, that we were no enemies; neither meant them harm, that without all fear, divers came down with great speed after us, presently entring into trafique with our men; notwithstanding they would receive nothing at our hands, but the same must be first cast upon the ground, using this word, *zussus* for exchange, *taytt* to cast upon the ground. And if they misliked any thing, they cryed *coroh, coroh*, speaking the same with rattling in the throat. The wares we received from them were arrows of reeds, feathers, and such bones as are afore described.

This people go naked, except a skin of furre which they cast about their shoulders, when they sit or lie in the cold: but having any thing to do, as going or any other labour, they use it as a girdle about their loyns. They weare their haire very long, but lest it might trouble them in their travell, they knit it up with a roll of *Ostrich* feathers, using the same rolls and haire together for a quiver for their arrows, and for a store house, in which they carry the most things which they carry about them. Some of them, within these rolls stick on either side of their heads (for a sign of honour in their persons) a large and plain feather sheweth like horns afar off: so that such a head upon a naked body (if Divels do appeare with horns) might very nigh resemble Divels.

The whole bravery and setting out themselves standeth in painting their bodies with divers colours, and such works as they can devise. Some wash their faces with sulphure, or some such like substance: some paint their whole bodies black, leaving only their necks behind and before white, much like our *Damofels* that weare their squares, their necks and breasts naked.

naked. Some paint one shoulder black, another white, and their sides and legs interchangeably with the same colours, one still contrary to the other. The black part hath set upon it white moons, and the white part black Suns, being the marks and characters of their gods, as is before noted.

They have some commodity by painring of their bodies, for the which cause they use it so generally: and that I gather to be the defence it yeildeth against the piercing and nipping cold. For the colours being close laid on upon their skin, or rather in the flesh, as by continuall renewing of these juices which are layed on, soakt into the inner part thereof, doth fill up the pores so close that no aire or cold can enter, or make them once to shrink.

They have clean, comely, and strong bodies: they are swift of foot, and seem very active. Neither is any thing more lamentable (in my judgment) then that so goodly a people, and so lively creatures of God, should be ignorant of the true and living God. And so much the more is this to be lamented, by how much they are more tractable, and easie to be brought to the sheepfold of Christ: having in truth a land sufficient to recompence any christian Prine in the world, for the whole travell and labour, cost and charges bestowed in that behalf: with a wonderfull enlarging of a kingdome, besides the glory of God by encreasing of the Church of Christ.

Its wonderfull to hear, being never known to Christians before this time, how familiar they became in short space with us; thinking themselves to be joyned with such a people, as they ought rather to serve, then offer any wrong or injury unto: presuming that they might be bold with our generall as with a father, & with us as with brethren & their neer friends; neither seemed their love lesse towards us. One of the chiefeest among them having on a time received a cap off our generals head, which he did daily weare, removing himself but a little from us, with an arrow pierced his legge deeply, causing the bloud to stream out upon the ground: signifying thereby, how

1578. unfainedly he loved him, and giving therein a covenant of peace: the number of men which here did frequent our company, were about fiftie persons. Within, in the Southermost part of this bay, there is a river of fresh water, with a great many profitable Islands; of which, some have alwaies such store of seales or sea-wolves as were able to maintain a huge army of men. Other Islands being many and great, are so replenished with birds and foule, as if there were no other victuals, a wonderfull multitude of people might be nourished by the increase of them for many posterities. Of these we killed some with shot, and some with staves, and took some with our hands, from mens heads and shoulders upon which they lighted. We could not perceive that the people of the country had had any sort of boat or canow, to come to these Islands. Their own provision which they eat, for ought we could perceive, was commonly raw. For we should sometimes find the remnants of Seales all bloudy which they had gnawed with their teeth like dogs: They go all of them armed with a short bow of about an ell in length in their hands, with arrows of reeds, and headed with a flint stone, very cunningly cut and fastened.

This bay by reason of the plenty of Seals therein found (in so much that we killed two hundred in the space of one hour) we called *Seale bay*. And having now made sufficient provision of victuals and other necessaries, as also happily finished all our businesses, *June 3.* we set saile from thence; and coasting along towards the pole Antartick *June 12.* we fell with a little bay, in which we anchored for the space of two dayes spent in the discharging of our Caunter, the *Christopher*, which we here layed up.

The 14. day we waighed again, and kept on our course southward till the 17. and then cast anchor in another bay in 50. d. *June 14.* 20. min. lacking but little more then one degree, of the mouth of the Straights, through which lay, our so much desired passage into the south sea.

Here our generall on good advice determined to alter his course

course; and turn his stern to the Northward again, if happily God would grant we might finde our ship and friends whom we lost in the great storm, as is before said. Forasmuch as if we should enter into the Straight without them into our company) it must needs go hard with them; and we also in the mean time as well by their absence, as by the uncertainty of their state, must needs receive no small discomfort.

And therefore *June 18* in the morning putting to sea again *June 18* with harty and often prayers, we joined watchfull industry to serve Gods good providence: and held on our purpose to run back toward the line into the same height, in which they were first dissevered from us.

The *19*. day of *June* toward night, having sailed within a few leagues of port St. *Julian*, we had our ship in sight: for which we gave God thanks with most joyfull minds. And forasmuch as the ship was far out of order, and very leake, by reason of extremity of weather which she had endured, as well before her loosing company as in her absence: our Generall thought good to bear into St. *Julian* with his fleet, because it was so nigh at hand, and so convenient a place: intending there to refresh his wearied men, and cherish them which had in their absence tasted such bitterneffe of discomfort besides the want of many things which they sustained.

Thus the next day the *20*. of *June* we entred port Saint *Julian*: which standeth in *49*. deg. *30*. mi. and hath on the South side of the harbor picked rocks like towers, and within the harbor many Islands, which you may ride hard aboard off, but in going in you must borrow of the North shoare.

Being now come to anchor, and all things fitted and made safe aboard, our Generall with certain of his company, *viz.* *Thomas Drake* his brother, *John Thomas*, *Robert Winter*, *Oliver* the Master Gunner, *John Brewer*, and *Thomas Hood*) *June 22*, *June 22* rowed further in with a boate to find out some convenient place which might yeild us fresh water, during the time of our abode there, & furnish us with supply for provision, to take to

1578. : sea with us at our departure. Which work as it was of great necessity, and therefore carefully to be performed; so did not he think himself discharged of his duty, if he himself bestowed not the first travell therein, as his use was at all times in all other things belonging to the relieving of our wants, and the maintenance of our good estate, by the supplying of what was needfull. Presantly upon his landing he was visited by two of the inhabitants of the place, whom *Magellane* named *Patagours* or rather *Pentagours* from their huge stature, and strength proportionable: these as they seemed greatly to rejoyce at his arrivall, so did they shew themselves very familiar, receiving at our generals hands whatsoever he gave them, and taking great pleasure in seeing Master *Oliver* the master Gunner of the Admirall, to shoot an English arrow: trying with him to shoot at at length, but came nothing neere him.

Not long after, came one more of the same laste, but of a sowerer sort, for he, misliking of the familiarity which his fellows had used, seemed very angy with them, and strove earnestly to withdraw them, and turn them to become our enemies; Whch our generall with his men not suspecting in them, used them as before: and one Mr. *Robert Winter*, thinking of pleasure to shoot an arrow at length, as Mr. *Oliver* had done before, that he which came last might have a sight thereof, the string of his bow brake; which, as before it was a terror unto them, so now broken, it gave them great encouragement, and boldnes, and as they thought, great advantage in their treacherous intent and purpose; not imagining that our callivers, swords, and targets, were any munition or weapon of war.

In which perswasion (as the generall with his company were, quietly without any suspicion of evill, going down towards his boat) they suddainly being prepared, and gotten by stealth behind him, shot their arrows; and chiefly at him which had the bow, not suffering him to string the same again, which he was about to have done, as well as he could: but being wounded in the shoulder at the first shot, and turning about,

about, was sped with an arrow, which pierced his lungs, yet he 1578
fell not. But the Mr. Gunner being ready to shoot of his calli-
yer, which took not fire in levelling thereof, was presently
slain outright. In this extremitie, if our generall had not been
both expert in such affaires, able to judge, and give present di-
rection in the danger thereof, and had not valiantly thrust him-
self into the dance, against these monsters, there had not one of
our men, that there were landed, escaped with life. He there-
fore giving order that no man should keep any certain ground,
but shift from place to place, encroaching still upon the ene-
mie, using their targets, and other weapons for the defence of
their bodies, and that they should breake so many arrows, as
by any meanes they could come by, being shot at them; where-
in he himself was very diligent, and carefull also in calling on
them, knowing that their arrows being once spent, they should
have these enemies at their devotion and pleasure, to kill or
save, and this order being accordingly taken, himself I say
with a good courage and trust in the true and living God, take-
ing and shooting off the same piece, which the same Gunner
could not make to take fire, dispatched the first beginner of
the quarrell, the same man which slew our Mr. Gunner. For
the piece being charged with a bullet, and haile shot, and well
aimed, tare out his belly and guts, with great torment, as it
seemed by his cry, which was so hideous and horrible a roare,
as if ten buls had joyned together in roaring, wherewith the
courage of his partners was so abated, and their hearts appa-
led, that notwithstanding, divers of their fellows and country-
men appeared out of the woods, on each side yet they were
glad, by flying away to save themselves, quietly suffering our
men either to depart or stay. Our generall chose rather to de-
part, then to take further revenge of them, which now he
might, by reason of his wounded man, whom for many good
parts he loved dearly; and therefore would rather have saved
him, then slain an hundred enemies, but being past recovery, he
dyed the 2. day after his being brought aboard again.

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1578. That night our Mr. Gunners body being left ashore, for the speedier bringing of the other aboard, our generall himself the next day, with his boate well appointed, returned to the shore, to fetch it likewise: which they found lying where it was left, but stript off his uppermost garment, and having an English arrow struck in his right eye.

Both of these dead bodies were laid together in one grave, with such reverence, as was fit for the earthen tabernacles of immortall soules; with such commendable ceremonies, as belong unto souldiers of worth, in time of war, which they most truly and rightfully deserved.

Magellane was not altogether deceived, in naming of them Giants; for they generally differ from the common sort of men, both in stature, bignesse, and strength of body, as also in the hideousnesse of their voice: but yet they are nothing so monstrous, or Giantlike as they were reported; there being some English men, as tall as the highest of any that we could see, but peradventure, the Spaniards did not think, that ever any English man would come thither to repove them; and thereupon might presume the more boldly to lie! the name *Pentagones*, five cubits, viz. 7. foot and half, describing the full height (if not some what more) of the highest of them.

But this is certain, that the Spanish cruelties there used, have made them more monstrous, in mind and manners, then they are in body; and more inhospitable, to deale with any strangers that shal come hereafter. For the loss of their friends (the remembrance whereof is assigned and conveighed over from one generation to another, among their posterity) breedeth an old grudge, which will not easily be forgotten, with so quarrellsome & revengefull a people. Notwithstanding the terror which they had conceived of us, did henceforward so quench their heat, & take down their edge, that they both forgot revenge, and seeming by their countenance, to repent them of the wrong they had offered us, that meant them no harm, suffered us to doe what we would, the whole space of

two moneths after this, without any interruption or molestation by them, and it may perhaps be a meanes to breed a peace in that people, towards all that may hereafter this, come that way.

To this evil, thus received at the hands of Infidels, there was adjoynd and grew another mischief, wrought and continued closely among our selves, as great, yea far greater, and of farre more grievous consequence then the former: but that it was, by Gods providence, detected and prevented in time, which else had extended it self, not only to the violent shedding of innocent blood, by murdering our generall and such others as were most firm and faithfull to him: but also to the finall overthrow of the whole action intended, and to divers other most dangerous effects.

These plots have been laid before the voyage began in England: the very modell of them was shewed and declared to our Generall in his garden at *Plimmonth*, before his setting saile, which yet he either would not credit, as true or likely, of a person whom he loved so deerely, and was perswaded of to love him likewise unfainedly, or thought by love and benefits, to remove and remedy it, if there were any evill purposes conceived against him.

And therefore, he did not only continue (to this suspected & accused person) all countenance, credit, & courtesies, which he was wont to shew and give him; but increased them, using him in a manner as another himself; and as his most inmost friend: lodging him with himself; giving him the second place in all companies, in his presence; leaving in his hand, the state as it were of his own person, in his absence; imparting unto him all his counsell; allowing him free liberty in all things that were reasonable; and bearing often at his hands great infirmities; yea, despising that any private injury, should breake so firm a friendship, as he meant towards him. And therefore, was he oftentimes not a little offended, even with those, who upon conscience of their duty, and knowledge that otherwise

1573. they should indeed offend) disclosed from time to time unto him, how the fire increased, that threatned his own, together with the destruction of the whole action.

But at length, perceiving that his lenity and favours did little good; in that the heat of ambition was not yet allayed, nor could be quenched, as it seemed, but by blood; and that the manifold practises grew dayly more and more, even to extremities; he thought it high time, to call these practises into question, before it were too late, to call any question of them into hearing. And therefore setting good watch over him, and assembling all his Captains, and gentlemen of his company together; he propounded to them, the good parts which were in the gentleman, the great good will, and inward affection, more then brotherly, which he had ever, since his first acquaintance born him, not omitting the respect which was had of him, among no mean personages in *England*; and afterwards delivered the letters, which were written to him, with the particulars from time to time, which had been observed, not so much by himself, as by his good friends; not only at sea, but even at *Plimmouth*; not bare words but writings; not writings alone, but actions, tending to the overthrow of the service in hand, and making away of his person.

Proofs were required and alleadged, so many, and so evident, that the Gentleman himself, stricken with remorse of his inconsiderate and unkind dealing, acknowledged himself to have deserved death, yea many deaths; for that he conspired, not only the overthrow of the action, but of the principall Actor also, who was not a stranger or ill-willer, but a deare and true friend unto him: and therefore in a great assembly openly besought them, in whose hands justice rested, to take some order for him; that he might not be compelled, to enforce his own hands, against his own bowels, or otherwise to, become his own executioner.

The admiration and astonishment hereat, in all the hearers even those which were his neerest friends, and most affected him.

him was great, yea in those, which for many benefits received from him, had good cause to love him: but yet the generall was most of all distracted; and therefore withdrew himself, as not able to conceale his tender affection, requiring them that had heard the whole matter, to give their judgements, as they would another day answer it unto their Prince, and unto Almighty God, Judge of all the earth. Therefore they all, above 40, in number, the chiefeſt in place and judgment in the whole fleet, after they had diſcuſſed diverſly of the caſe, and alledged whatſoever came in their mindes, or could be there produced by any of his other friends, with their own hands, under ſeale adjudged that: *He had deſerved death: and that it ſtood, by no means with their ſafety, to let him live: and therefore, they remitted the manner thereof, with the reſt of the circumſtances to the generall.*

This judgement, and as it were aſſize, was held a land, in one of the Iſlands of that port; which afterwards, in memory hereof was called, the Iſland of *true juſtice and judgment.*

Now after this verdict was thus returned unto our generall (unto whom, for his company, her Maſteſty before his departure, had committed her ſword, to uſe for his ſafety, with this word: *We do commit that he which ſtriketh at thee Drake, ſtriketh at us*) he called for the guilty party, and cauſed to be read unto him, the ſeverall verdicts which were written, &c propounded of him, which being acknowledged for the moſt part (for none had given heavier ſentence againſt him, then he had given againſt himſelf, our Generall propoſed unto him this choyce: *whether he would take to be executed in this Iſland? or to be ſet a land on the main? or return into England, there to answer his death before the Lords of her Maſteſties Counſell?*

He moſt humbly thanked the Generall for his clemency, extended towards him in ſuch ample ſort: and craving ſome reſpite to conſult thereon, and ſo make his choyce adviſedly, the next day he returned this answer, that, *Albeit he had yielded in his heart, to entertain ſo great a ſin as wheneſt now he was juſtly condemned: yet he had a care, and that excellling all other cares,*

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to dye a christian man that whatsoever did become of his clay body he might remain assured of an eternall inheritance, in a far better life. This he feared if he should be set a land among Infidels, how he should be able to maintain this assurance, feeling in his own frailties, how mighty the contagion is of lewd custome. And therefore he besought the Generall most earnestly, that he would get have a care, and regard of his soul; and neuer jeopard it amongst heathen and savage Infidels. If he should return into England, he must first have a ship and men to conduct it with sufficient victuals: two of which though they were had, yet for the third he thought no man would accompanie him in so sad a message to so vile an issue from so honorable a service. But if that there were which could induce their minds to return with him, yet the very shame of the return would be as death, or grievous if it were possible: because he should be so long a dying, and dye so often. Therefore he protested that with all his heart, he did embrace the first branch of the Generals proffer: desiring only his favour that they might receive the holy communion again together before his death, and that he might not dye either then, or a Gentlemans death.

Though sundry reasons were used by many to perswade him to take either of the other wayes: yet when he remained resolute in his former determination, both parts of his last request were granted, and the next convenient day, a communion was celebrated by Mr. Francis Fletcher, preacher and pastor of the fleet at that time. The Generall himself communicated in this sacred ordinance, with this condemned penitent Gentleman: who shewed great tokens of a contrite and repentant heart, as who was more deeply displeased with his own act, then any man else. And after this holy repast, they dined also at the same table together as cheerfully in sobriety, as ever in their lives they had done a foretime each cheering up the other, and taking their leave by drinking each to other, as if some journey only had been in hand.

After dinner, all things being brought in a readines, by him that supplied the room of the provost Marshall: without any dallying

dallying, or delaying the time, he came forth, and kneeled 1378
down, preparing at once his neck for the axe, and his spirit for
heaven: which having done, without long ceremony, as who
had before digested this whole Tragedy, he desired all the rest
to pray for him, and willed the Executioner to doe his office,
not to feare nor spare.

Thus, having by the worthy manner of his death (being
much more honorable by it, then blameable for any other of
his actions) fully blotted out, what ever stain, his fault might
seem to bring upon him: he left unto our fleet, a lamentable
example of a goodly Gentleman, who in seeking advancement
unfit for him, cast away himself: and unto posterity a monu-
ment, of I know not what fatal calamity, incident to that port,
and such like actions, which might happily afford a new pair
of parallels to be added to Plutarchs in that the same place,
notre about the same time of the year, witnessed the execu-
tion of 2 gentlemen, suffering both for the like cause, employed
both in like service, entertained both in great place, endued
both with excellent qualities, the one 58. year after the other.

For on the main our men found a gibbet fallen down, made
of aspruce wood, with mens bones underneath it, which they
conjectured to be the same gibbet, which *Magellane* comman-
ded to be erected in the year 1520, for the execution of *John*
Cartagener the Bishop of *Burgos* *Cosen*, who by the Kings or-
der, was joyned with *Magellane* in commission, and made
his Vice-Admirall.

In the Island as we digged to bury this gentleman, we found
a great grinding stone, broken in two parts, which we took
and set fast in the ground, the one part at the head, the other at
the feet, building up the middle space, with other stones and
turfs, of earth and engraved in the stones, the names of the par-
ties buried there with the time of their departure, and a me-
moriall of our Generals name in Latine, that it might the bet-
ter be understood of all that should come after us.

These things thus ended, and set in order, our generall dis-

1578. charging the *Mary*, viz. our *Portugal* prize, because she was leake and troublesome, defaced her; and then left her ribs and keel upon the Island: where for two moneths together we had pitched our tents. And so having wooded, waired, trimmed our ships, dispatched all our other businesses, and brought our fleet into the smalest number, even 3. only, besides our pinna-ces, that we might the easier keep our selves together, be the better furnished with necessaries, and be the stronger mand, against whatsoever need should be, *August 17.* we departed out of this port, and being now in great hope, of a happy issue to our enterprise, which Almighty God hitherto had so blest & prospered, we set our course for the Straights, south west.

August 20. we fell with the Cape; neere which lies the entrance into the Strait, called by the Spaniards, *Capo Virgin Maria*, appearing 4. leagues before you come to it with high and steep gray cliffs, full of black stars, against which the sea bearing, sheweth as it were the spoutings of Whales, having the highest of the cape, like *Cape Vincent* in *Portugal*: at this cape our Generall caused his fleet, in homage to our soveraign lady the *Queens* Majesty, to strike their top sailes upon the bunt, as a token of his willing and glad mind, to shew his dutiful obedience to her highnes, whom he acknowledged to have full interest and right in that new discovery; and withall, in remembrance of his most honourable friend, *Sir Christopher Hatton*, he changed the name of the ship, which himself went in, from the *Pellican* to be called the *golden Hind*, which ceremonies being ended, together with a sermon, teaching true obedience, with prayers and giving of thanks for her Majesty, and most honorable counsel, with the whole body of the commonweale, and church of God, we continued our course on into the said frete, where passing with land in sight on both sides, we shortly fell with so narrow a strait, as carrying with it much wind, often turnings, and many dangers, requireth an expert judgment in him that shall passe the same, it lyeth W. N. W. and E. south East: but having left his strait a storn, we seemed

seemed to become out of a river of two leagues broad, into a large and main sea; having the night following, an Island in sight, which (being in height nothing inferior to the Island *Togo* before spoken of) burning (like it also) aloft in the aire, in a wonderfull sort, without intermission.

It hath formerly been received as an undoubted truth, that the seas, following the course of the first mover, from the east to west, have a continuall current through this strait, but our experience found the contrary: the ebbings and flowings here, being as orderly (in which the water rises and falls more then 5 fathoms upright) as on other coasts.

The 24. of *August* being *Bartholomew* day, we fell with 3 Islands, bearing trianglewise, one from another, one of them was very faire and large, and of a fruitful soile, upon which being next unto us, and the weather very calm, our Generall with his Gentlemen, and certain of his Marriners, then landed, taking possession thereof in her Majesties name, and to her use, and called the same *Elizabeth* Island.

The other two, though they were not so large, nor so fair to the eye, yet were they to us exceeding usefull, for, in them we found great store of strange birds, which could not fly at all, nor yet run so fast, as that they could escape us with their lives, in body they are les then a goose, and bigger then a mallard, short and thick set together, having no feathers, but instead thereof, a certain hard and matted down; their beakes are not much unlike the bills of crows, they lodg and breed upon the land, where making earths, as the conies do, in the ground, they lay their eggs, and bring up their young; their feeding and provision to live on, is in the sea, where they swim in such sort as nature may seem to have granted them no small prerogative in swiftness, both to prey upon others, and themselves to escape from any others, that seek to cease upon them, & such was the infinite resort of these birds to these Islands, that in the space of 1. day, we killed no les then 3000. & if the increase be according to the number, it is not to be thought, that the world hath

1578. hath brought forth, a greater blessing in one kind of creature in so small a circuit, so necessarily and plentifully serving the use of man, they are a very good and wholesome victuall: our Generall named these Islands, the one *Bartholomew*, according to the day; the other *Saint Georges*, in honour of *England*, according to the ancient custome there observed.

In the Island of *Saint Georges*, we found the body of a man, so long dead before, that his bones would not hold together, being moved out of the place whereon they lay.

From these Islands, to the entrance into the south sea, the frete is very crooked; having many turnings, & as it were shuttings up, as if there were no passage at all, by means whereof, we were often troubled with contrary winds, so that some of our ships recovering a cape of land, entering another reach, the rest were forced to alter their courses, and come to anchor where they might. It is true which *Magellane* reporteth of this passage: namely that there be many faire harbours, and store of fresh water; but some ships had need to be fraughted with nothing else, besides anchors and cables, to find ground in most of them, to come to anchor; which when any extreame gusts or contrary winds do come (whereunto the place is altogether subject) is a great hindrance to the passage, and carryeth with it no small danger.

The land on both sides is very high and mountainous, having on the North and west side the continent of *America*, and on the south and East part, nothing but Islands: among which, lye innumerable fretes or passages into the south sea. The mountains arise with such tops, and spires into the aire, & of so rare a height, as they may wel be accounted amogst the wonders of the world; environed as it were, with many regions of congealed clouds, and frozen meteors, whereby they are continually fed and increased, both in the height and bigness, from time to time, retaining that which they have once received, being little again diminished by the heat of the sun, as being so farre from reflexion, and so nigh the cold and frozen Region.

But notwithstanding all this, yet are the low and plaine grounds very fruitfull, the grasse green and naturall, the heards that are of very strange sorts, good and many; the trees for the most part of them alwaies green; the aire of the temperature of our conatrey; the water most pleasant; and the soile agreeing to any grain which we have growing in our country: a place no doubt, that lacketh nothing, but a people to use the same to the Creators glory, and the encreasing of the Church: the people inhabiting these parts, made fires as we passed by in divers places.

Drawing nigh the entrance of the south sea, we had such a shutting up to the northward, and such large and open fretes toward the south, that it was wonderful which way we should passe, without further discovery: for which cause, our Generall having brought his fleet to anchor under an Island; himself with certain of his Gentlemen, rowed in a boat to descry the passage, who having discovered a sufficient way towards the North, in their return to their ships, met a Cannow under the same Island, where we rode then at anchor, having in her divers persons.

This Cannow or Foate was made of the barke of divers trees, having a prow and a stern standing up, and semicirclewise yeelding inward, of one form and fashion; the body whereof was a most dainty mould, bearing in it most comely proportion, and excellent workmanship; insomuch as to our Generall and us, it seemed never to have been done, without the cunning and expert judgment of art, and that not for the use of so rude and barbarous a people, but for the pleasure of some great and noble personage, yea of some Prince: It had no other closing up or caulking in the seames, but the stichin with thongs, made of Sealeskins, or other such beast; and yet so close that it received very little or no water at all.

The people are of a meane stature, but well set and compact in all their parts and lims; they have great pleasure in painting their faces, as the others have, of whom we have spoken:

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before. Within the said Island they had a house of mean building of certain poles, and covered with skins of beasts; having therein fire, water, and such meat, as commonly they can come by: as Seales, Mussels, and such like.

The vessels wherein they kept their water, and their cups in which they drink, are made of barks of trees, as was their canow: and that with no lesse skill (for the bignesse of the thing) being of a very formal shape and good fashion. Their working tools, which they use in cutting these things and such other, are knives made of most huge and monstrous mussel shels (the like whereof have not been seen or heard of lightly by any travellers; the meat thereof being very savoury and good in eating) which after they have broken off the thinne and brittle substance of the edge, they rub and grinde them upon stones had for the purpose, til they have tempered and set such an edge upon them, that no wood is so hard but they will cut it at pleasure with the same: whereof we our selves had experience. Yea they cut therewith bones of a marvellous hardnesse; making of them fisgies to kill fish, wherein they have a most pleasant exercise with great dexterity.

Sept. 6.

The sixth of September we had left astern us all these troublesome Islands, and were entred into the south sea, or *Mare del zur*: at the cape whereof, our generall had determined with his whole company to have gone a shoare, and there after a sermon to have left a monument of her Majesty ingraven in mettall, for a perpetuall remembrance, which he had in a readines for that end prepared: but neither was there any anchoring, neither did the wind suffer us to make a stay.

Only this by all our mens observations was concluded; that the entrance, by which we came into this strait, was in 52. deg. the middest in 53. deg. 15. m. and the going out in 52. d. 30. m. being 150. leagues in length: at the very entry, supposed also to be about 10. leagues in bredth. After we were entred ten leagues within it, it was found not past a league in breadth: farther within, in some places very large, in some very narrow: &

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in the end found to be no strait at all, but all Islands.

Now when our Generall perceived that the nipping cold, under so cruel a frowning winter, had impaired the health of some of his men; he meant to have made the more hast again toward the line, and not to saile any farther towards the pole Antartick, lest being farther from the Sun, and neerer the cold, we might happily be overtaken with some greater danger of sicknesse. But God giving men leave to purpose, reserveth to himself the disposition of all things: making their intents of none effect, or changing their meanings oft times clean into the contrary, as may best serve for his own glory and their profit.

For September 7. the second day after our entrance into the South sea (called by some *Mare pacificum*, but proving to us rather to be *Mare furiosum*.) God by a contrary wind and intolerable tempest, seemed to set himself against us: forcing us not only to alter our course and determination, but with great trouble, long time, many dangers, hard escapes, and final separating of our fleet, to yeild our selves unto his will. Yea such was the extremity of the tempest, that it appeared to us as if he had pronounced a sentence, not to stay his hand, nor to withdraw his judgment till he had buried our bodies and ships also, in the bottomlesse depth of the raging sea.

In the time of this incredible storm, the 15. of September, Sept. 8. the Moon was eclipsed in *Aries*, and darkned about three points, for the space of two glasses: which being ended, might seem to give us some hope of alteration & change of weather to the better. Notwithstanding, as the ecclipticall conflict could adde nothing to our miserable estate, no more did the ending thereof ease us any thing at all; nor take away any part of our troubles from us, but our eclipse continued still in its full force so prevailing against us, that for the space of full 52. days together, we were darkned more then the Moon by 20. parts, or more then we by any means could ever have preserved, or recovered light of our selves again, if the Sonne of God which

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laid this burthen upon our backs, had not mercifully borne it up with his own shoulders, and upheld us by his own power, beyond any possible strength or skil of man. Neither indeed did we at all escape, but with the feeling of great discomforts through the same.

Sept. 30.

For these violent and extraordinary flaws (such as seldome have been seen) still continuing, or rather increasing, *September* 30. in the night, caused the sorrow separation of the *Mari-gold* from us, in which was Captain *Johⁿ Thomas*, with many others of our deare friends: who by no meanes that we could conceive could help themselves, but by spooming along before the sea. With whom albeit we could never meet again, yet (our generall having aforehand given order, that if any of our fleet did loose company, the place of resort to meet againe should be in 30. deg. or thereabouts, upon the coasts of *Peru*, toward the Equinoctiall) we long time hoped (till experience shewed our hope was vain) that there we should joyfully meet with them: especially for that they were well provided of victuals, and lackt no skilfull and sufficient men (besides their Captain) to bring forwards the ship to the place appointed.

Octob. 7.

From the seventh of *September* (in which the storm began) till the seventh of *October* we could not by any means recover any land (having in the mean time been driven so far South, as to the 37. deg. and somewhat better) on this day towards night, somewhat to the Northward of that Cape of *America*, (whereof mention is made before in the description of our departure from the strait into the sea) with a sorry saile we entered a harbour: where hoping to enjoy some freedome & ease till the storm was ended, we received within few houres after our coming to anchor, so deadly a stroke and hard entertainment, that our Admirall left not only an anchor behind her, through the violence and furie of the flaw; but in departing thence, also lost the company and sight of our Vice-Amirall, the *Elizabeth*: partly through the negligence of those that had the charge of her, partly through a kind of desire that some in
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her had to be out of these troubles, and to be at home again: 1578. which (as since is known) they thence forward by all meanes assayed and performed. For the very next day *October 8.* *reco- Octob. 8.* vering the mouth of the straits again (which we were now so neere unto) they returned back the same way by which they came forward, and coasting *Brasil*, they arrived in England *June 2.* the yeare following.

So that now our Admirall if she had retained her old name of *Pellican*, which she bare at our departure from our country, she might have been now indeed said to be as a *Pellican* alone in the wilderneffe. For albeit our Generall fought the rest of his fleet with great care, yet could we not have any sight or certain newes of them by any meanes.

From this bay of parting of friends, we were forcibly driven back again into 55. deg. towards the pole Antartick. In which height we ran in among the Islands before mentioned, lying to the Southward of *America*, through which we passed from one sea to the other, as hath been declared: Where coming to anchor, we found the waters there to have their indraught and free passages, and that through no small guts, or narrow channels, but indeed through as large fretes or straits, as it hath at the suppoed streights of *Megellane* through which we came.

Among these Islands, making our abode with some quietnes for a very little while, (*viz.* two dayes) and finding divers good and wholesome herbs together with fresh water: our men which before were weake, and much empaiied in their health, began to receive good comfort: especially by the drinking of one herb (not much unlike that herb which we commonly call Penny-leaf) which purging with great facility afforded great help and refreshing to our wearied and sickly bodies. But the winds returning to their old wont, and the seas raging after their former manner, yea every thing as it were setting it self against our peace and desired rest, there was no stay permitted, neither any safety to be looked for.

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For such was the present danger by forcing and continuall flaws, that we were rather to look for present death then hope for any delivery, if God almighty should not make the way for us. The winds were such as if the bowels of the earth had set all at liberty; or as if the clouds under heaven had been called together, to lay their force on that one place: the seas, which by nature and of themselves are heavy, and of a weighty substance, were rowled up from the depths, even from the roots of the rocks, as if it had been a scroll of parchment, which by the extremity of heat runneth together: and being aloft were carried in most strange manner & abundance, as feathers or drifts of snow, by the violence of the winds, to water the exceeding tops of high and lofty mountains. Our anchors, as false friends in such a danger, gave over their holdfast, and as if it had been with horror of the thing, did shrink down to hide themselves in this miserable storm; committing the distressed ship and helplesse men to the uncertain rowling seas, which tossed them, like a ball in a racket. In this case, to let fall more anchors would availe us nothing; for being driven from our first place of anchoring, so unmeasurable was the depth, that 500. fathom would fetch no ground: so that the violent storm without intermission; the impossibility to come to anchor; the want of opportunity to spread any saile; the most mad seas; the lee shores; the dangerous rocks; the contrary and most intolerable winds; the impossible passage out; the desperate tarrying there; and inevitable perils on every side, did lay before us so small likelihood to escape present destruction, that if the speciall providence of God himself had not supported us, we could never have endured that wofull state: as being invironed with most terrible and most fearful judgments round about. For truly, it was more likely that the mountains should have been rent in sunder, from the top to the bottom, and cast hedlong into the sea, by the unnaturall winds; then that we, by any help or cunning of man, should free the life of any one amongst us.

Notwithstanding the same God of mercy which delivered

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Jonas out of the Whales belly and heareth all those that call 1578.
upon him faithfully in their distress; looked down from heaven
beheld our tears, and heard our humble petitions, joyned with
holy vows. Even God (whom not the winds and seas alone,
but even the Divels themselves and powers of hell obey), did so
wonderfully free us, and make our way open before us, as it
were by his holy Angels stil guiding and conducting us, that
more then the affright and amaze of this estate, we received
no part of damage in all the things that belonged unto us.

But escaping from these straites and miseries, as it were
through the needles ey (that God might have the greater glory
in our delivery) by the great and effectuall care and travell of
our Generall, the Lords instrument therein; we could now no
longer forbear, but must needs find some place of refuge, as
well to provide water, wood, and other necessities, as to com-
fort our men, thus worn and tyred out, by so many and so long
intollerable toyls: the like whereof, it to be supposed, no tra-
veller hath felt, neither hath their ever been such a tempest
(that any records make mention of) so violent, and of such
continuance, since *Noahs* flood, for as hath been said it lasted
from *September 7.* to *October 28.* full 52. dayes.

Not many leagues therefore to the southwards of our for-
mer anchoring, we ran in again among these Islands; where
we had once more better likelihood to rest in peace: and so
much the rather, for that we found the people of the country
travelling for their living, from one Island to another, in their
canows, both men, women, and young infants wrapt in skins,
and hanging at their mothers backs; with whom he had tra-
fique for such things as they had, as chains of certain shels and
such other trifles; here the Lord gave us three days to breath
our selves, and to provide such things as we wanted, albeit
the same was with continuall care, and troubles to avoid im-
minent dangers, which the troubled seas and blustering winds
did every hour threaten unto us.

But when we seemed to have staid there too two long, we

1578. more rigorously assaulted by the not formerly ended, but now more violently renewed storm; and driven them also with no small danger; leaving behind us the greater part of our cable with the anchor; being chased along by the winds, and buffeted incessantly in each quarter by the seas (which our Generall interpreted, as though God had sent them of purpose to the end which ensued) till at length we fell with the uttermost part of land towards the south pole, and had certainly discovered how far the same doth reach southward, from the coast of America aforenamed.

The uttermost Cape or headland of all these Islands, stands neere in the 56. deg. without which there is no main, nor Iland to be seen to the southwards: but that the Atlantick Ocean, and the south sea, meet in a most large and free scope.

It hath been a dreame through many ages, that these Islands have been a maine, and that it hath been *terra incognita*; wherein many strange monsters lived. Indeed it might truly, before this time, be called *incognita*, for howsoever the maps & generall descriptions of *Cosmographers*, either upon the deceivable reports of other men, or the deceitfull imaginations of themselves (supposing never herein to be corrected) have set it down, yet it is true, that before this time, it was never discovered, or certainly known by any traveller, that we have heard of.

And here as in a fit place, it shall not be a misse to remove that error in opinion, which hath been held by many, of the impossible return, out of *Mar del zur*, into the West Ocean; by reason of the supposed Eastern current, and leavant winds: which (say they) speedily carry any thither, but suffer no return. They are herein likewise altogether deceived: for neither did we meet with any such current, neither had we any such certain winds, with any such speed to carry us through; but at all times in our passage there, we found more opportunity to return back again into the west Ocean, then to goe forward into *Mar del zur*, by meanes, either of current, or winds to hinder

hinder us, whereof we had experience more then we wished: 1578.
 being glad oftentimes to alter our course, and to fall a stern a-
 gain, with francke wind (without any impediment of any
 such furnished current) farther in one afternoon, then we could
 fetch up, or recover again in a whole day, with a reasonable
 gale. And in that they allege the narrowness of the frete, and
 want of sea-rome, to be the cause of this violent current, they
 are herein no lesse deceived, then they were in the other with-
 out reason: for besides, that it cannot be said, that there is one
 only passage, but rather innumerable; it is most certain, that
 a sea-board all these Islands, there is one large and main sea,
 wherein if any will not be satisfied, nor believe the report of
 our experience and eyesight, he should be advised to suspend
 his judgment, till he hath either tryed it himself, by his own
 travell, or shall understand by other travellers, more particu-
 lars to confirm his mind therein.

Now as we were fallen to the uttermost part of these Islands.
October 28. our troubles did make an end, the storm ceased, and *Oct. 28.*
 all our calamities (only the absence of our friends excepted)
 were removed, as if God, all this while, by his secret provi-
 dence, had led us to make this discovery; which being made,
 according to his will he stayed his hand, as pleased his majesty
 therein, and refreshed us as his servants.

At these Southerly parts we found the night, in the latter
 end of *October*, to be but 2. houres long: the Sun being yet
 above 7. degrees distant from the Tropick: so that it seemeth
 being in the Tropick, to leave very little, or no night at all in
 that place.

There be few of all these Islands, but have some inhabitants,
 whose manners, apparel, houses, Cannows, and meanes of li-
 vings, is like unto those formerly spoken of, a little before our
 departure out of the *Straight*. To all these Islands, did our Ge-
 nerall give one name, to wit, *Elizabethides*.

After two daies stay, which we made in and about these I-
 lands, the 30. of *October* we set saile; shaping our course right *Oct. 30.*
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1578. Northwest, to coast along the parts of *Peru* (for so the generall maps set out the land to lie, both for that we might with convenient speed, fall with the height of 30. deg. being the place appointed, for the rest of our fleet to re-assemble; as also that no opportunity might be lost, in the mean time to finde them out, if it seemed good to God to direct them to us.

In this course, we chanced (the next day) with two Islands, being as it were store-houses, of most liberall provision of victuals for us, of birds; yeilding not only sufficient and plentiful store, for us who were present, but enough to have served all the rest also which were absent.

Thence (having furnished our selves to our content) we continued our course *November 1.* still Northwest, as we had formerly done, but in going on, we soon espied, that we might easily have been deceived: and therefore casting about, and steering upon another point, we found that the generall maps did erre from the truth, in setting down the coast of *Peru*, for 12. deg. at least to the Northward, of the supposed strait; no lesse then is the Northwest point of the compass, different from the Northeast, perceiving hereby, that no man, had ever by travell, discovered any part of these 12. deg. and therefore the setters forth of such descriptions, are not to be trusted; much lesse honored in their false and fraudulent conjectures; which they use, not in this alone, but in divers other points of no small importance.

We found this part of *Peru*, all alongst to the height of *Lima* which is 12. deg. South of the line, to be mountenous, and very barren, without water or wood, for the most part, except in certain places inhabited by the *Spaniards* and few others, which are very fruitfull and commodious.

After we were once again thus fallen with the land, we continually coasted along, til we came to the height of 37. deg. or thereabout: & finding no convenient place of abode, nor likelihood to hear any news of our ships, we ran off again with an Island, which lay in sight, named of the *Spaniards* *Mucho*, by reason

reason of the greatnesse and large circuit thereof.

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Nov. 25

At this Island coming to anchor, *Novem. 25.* we found it to be a fruitfull place, and well stored with sundry sorts of good things, as sheep, and other cattell, maize, which is a kinde of grain whereof they make bread, potatoes, with such other roots: besides that, it is thought to be wonderful rich in gold, and to want no good thing for the use of mans life. The inhabitants are such *Indians*, as by the cruel & most extream dealing of the *Spaniards*, have been driven to fly from the maine, here to relieve and fortifie themselves. With this people, our Generall thought it meet to have traffique, for frew victuals & water: and for that cause, the very same night of our arrivall there, himself with divers of his company went a shoare, to whom the people with great courtesie came down, bringing with them such fruits and other victuals as they had, and two very fat sheep, which they gave our Generall for a present. In recompence whereof, we bestowed upon them again many good and necessary things; signifying unto them, that the end of his coming was for no other cause, but by way of exchange to traffique with them for such things as we needed, and they could spare: and in particular, for such as they had alreadie brought down upon us, besides fresh water, which we desired of them. Herein they held themselves well contented, and seemed to be not a little joyfull of our coming: appointing where we should the next morning have fresh water at pleasure, & withall signifying that then also they would bring us down such other things as we desired to serve our turns.

The next day therefore very early in the morning (all things being made ready for traffique, as also vessels prepar'd to bring the water) our generall taking great care for so necessary provision, repaired to the shoare again; and setting aland two of his men, sent with them their *Barricoes* to the watering place assigned the night before. Who having peaceably past on one half of the way, were then with no small violence set upon by those traitorous people, and suddenly slain: and to the end that

1578. our generall with the rest of his company should not only be stayed from rescuing them, but also might fall (if it were possible) into their hands in like manner, they had layed closely behind the rocks an ambushment of (as we guessed) about 500 men, armed and well appointed for such a mischief. Who suddenly attempting their purpose (the rocks being very dangerous for the boat, and the sea-gate exceeding great) by shooting their arrows hurt & wounded every one of our men, before they could free themselves, or come to the use of their weapons to do any good. The generall himself was shot in the face, under his right eye, & close by his nose, the arrow piercing a marvellous way in under *basis cerebri*, with no small danger of his life; besides that, he was grievously wounded in the head. The rest being nine persons in the boat, were deadly wounded in divers parts of their bodies, if God almost miraculously had not given cure to the same. For our chief Surgeon being dead and the other absent by the loss of our vice-admirall, and having none left us but a boy, whose good will was more then any skil he had, we were little better then altogether destitute of such cunning & helps as so grievous a state of so many wounded bodies did require. Notwithstanding God, by the good advice of our Generall, and the diligent putting too of every mans help, did give such speedy & wonderful cure, that we had all great comfort thereby, and yeilded God the glory thereof.

Oct. 1. 7

The cause of this force and injury by these *Ilanders*, was no other but the deadly hatred which they bear against their civil enemies the *Spaniards*, for the bloody and most tyrannous oppression which they had used towards them. And therefore with purpose against them (suspecting us to be *Spaniards* indeed, and that the rather, by occasion that though command was given to the contrary, some of our men in demanding water, used the spanish word *aqua*, sought some part of revenge against us. Our generall notwithstanding he might have revenged this wrong with little hazard or danger; yet more desirous to preserve one of his own men alive, then to destroy 100. of his.

his enemies, committed the same to God: wishing this only 1 573.
punishment to them, that they did but know whom they had
wronged; and that they had done this injury not to an enemy
but to a friend; not to a *Spaniard*, but to an Englishman; who
would rather have been a patron to defend them, then any
way an instrument of the least wrong that should have beene
done unto them. The weapons which this people use in their
wars, are arrows of Reeds, with heads of stone, very brittle and
indented; but darts of a great length, headed with iron or bone.

The same day that we receiv'd this dangerous affront, in the
afternoon we set saile from thence; and because we were now
nigh the appointed height, wherein our ships were to be look-
ed for, as also the extremity and crasie state of our hurt men
advising us to use expedition, to finde some convenient place
of repose, which might afford them some rest, and yeild us ne-
cessary supply of fresh victuals for their diet; we bent our
course, as the wind would suffer us, directly to run in with the
main. Where falling with a bay, called *Philips bay*, in 32. de. or
thereabout, *Nov. 30.* we came to anchor: and forthwith man-
ned and sent our boat to discover what likelihood the place *Nov. 30.*
would offer to afford us such things as we stood in need of.

Our boat doing her utmost endeavor in a diligent search, yet
after long travel could find no appearance of hope for relief,
either of fresh victuals, or of fresh water: huge heads of wilde
buffs they might discern, but not so much as any sign of any
inhabitant thereabout. Yet in their return to us, they descryed
within the bay, an Indian with his Canow as he was a fishing:
him they brought aboard our generall, canow and all as he was
in it. A comely personage, and of a goodly stature; his apparel
was a white garment, reaching scarcely to his knees; his arms
and legs were naked; his haire vpon his head very long; with-
out a beard, as all the Indians for the most part are. He seem-
ed very gentle, of mild and humble nature, being very tracta-
ble to learn the use of every thing, and most gratefull for such
things as our Generall bestow'd upon him. In him we might

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see a most lively pattern of the harmless disposition of that people; and how grievous a thing it is that they should by any means be so abused as all those are, whom the *Spaniards* have any command or power over.

This man being courteously entertained, and his pains of coming double requited; after we had shewed him, partly by signs, and partly by such things as we had, what things we needed, and would gladly receive by his means, upon exchange of such things as he would desire; we sent him away with our boat and his own canow (which was made of Reed straw) to land him where he would. Who being landed, and willing our men to stay his return, was immediately met by two or three of his friends; to whom imparting his news, & shewing what gifts he had received, he gave so great content, that they willingly furthered his purpose; so that after certain hours of our mens abode there, he with divers others (among whom was their head or Captain) made their return; bringing with them their loadings of such things as they thought would doe us good: as some hens, eggs, a fat hog, and such like. All which (that our men might be without all suspicion of all evill to be meant & intended by them) they sent in one of their canows, a reasonable distance from off the shoare, to our Boat, the sea-gate being at the present very great, and their Captain having sent back his horse, would needs commit himself to the credit of our men, though strangers, and come with them to our Generall, without any of his own acquaintance or countrimen with him.

By his coming as we understood, that there was no meane or way, to have our necessities relieved in this place; so he offered himself to be our Pilot, to a place and that a good harbour, not far back to the Southward again: where, by way of traffique, we might have at pleasure, both water, and those other things which we stood in need of. This offer our Generall very gladly received, and so much the rather, for that the place intended, was neer about the place appointed, for the
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Randevouse of our fleet. Omitting therefore our purpose, of 1578, pursuing the buffs formerly spoken of, of which we had otherwise determined, if possible to have killed some; this good news of better provision, and more easie to come by, drew us away: and so the 5. day after our arrivall, viz. December 4. we departed hence, and the next day December 5. by the willing Dece. 4. conduct of our new Indian Pilot, we came to anchor in the desired harbor. Dece. 5.

This harbor the Spaniards call *valperizo*, and the town adjoining *St. James of Chinly*; it stands in 35. deg. 40. min. where albeit we neither met with our ships, nor heard of them, yet there was no good thing which the place afforded, or which our necessities indeed for the present required, but we had the same in great abundance: amongst other things we found in the town divers storehouses of the wines of *Chilie*; and in the harbor, a ship called the *Captain of Moriall*, or the *grand Captain of the South*, *Admirall to the Islands of Salamon*; loaden for the most part, with the same kind of liquors: onely there was besides, a certain quantity of fine gold of *Baldria* and a great cross of gold beset wit *Emeraulds*, on which was nailed a god of the same mettall, we spent some time in refreshing our selves, and easing this ship of so heavy a burthen: and on the 8. day of the same moneth (having in the mean times sufficiently stored our selves with necessaries, as wine, bread, bacon &c. for a long season) we set sail, returning back towards the line; carrying again our Indian pilot with us, whom our generall bountefully rewarded, and enriched with many good things, which pleased him exceedingly, and caused him, by the way, to be landed in the place where he desired.

Our necessities being thus to our content relieved, our next care was the regaining (if possible) of the company of our ships, so long severed from us: neither would any thing have satisfied our general, or us so well, as the happy meeting, or good news of them, this way therefore (all other thoughts, for the present set apart) were all our studies and enleavours bent: how

1578. how to fit it so, as that no opportunity of meeting them might be passed over.

To this end, considering that we could not conveniently run in with our ship (in search of them) to every place where was likelihood of being in harbor, and that our boat was too little, and unable to carry men enough, to encounter the malice or treachery of the *Spaniards* (if we should by any chance meet with any of them) who are used to shew no mercy, where they may overmaster; and therefore meaning not to hazard our selves to their cruel courtesies we determined, as we coasted now towards the line, to search diligently for some convenient place, where we might in peace and safety, stay the trimming of our ship, and the erecting of a pinnace, in which we might have better security, then in our boat, and without endangering of our ship, by running into each creek, leave no place untried, if happily we might so finde again our friends and countrimen.

Decr. 19. For this cause December 19. we entred a bay, not far to the Southward of the town of Cyppo now inhabited by the *Spaniards*, in 29. deg, 30. min. where having landed certain of our men, to the number of 14, to search what conveniency the place was likely to afford for our abiding there; we were immediately descried by the *Spaniards*, of the town of Cyppo aforesaid, who speedily made out 300. men, at least whereof 100. were *Spaniards*, every one well mounted upon his horse; the rest were Indians, running as dogs at their heels, all naked and in most miserable bondage.

They could not come any way so closely, but God did open our eyes to see them, before there was any extremity of danger, whereby our men being warned, had reasonable time to shift themselves as they could, first from the main, to a Rock within the sea, and from thence into their boat: which being ready to receive them, conveyed them with expedition, out of the reach of the *Spaniards* fury, without the hurt of any man; only one *Richard Minivy*, being over bold and careless of his

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his own safety, would not be intreated by his friends, nor feared by the multitude of his enemies, to take the present benefit of his own delivery: but chose either to make 300. men by outbraving of them to become afraid, or else himselfe to dye in the place: the latter of which indeed he did, whose dead body being drawn by the Indians from the Rock to the shoare was there manfully by the *Spaniards* beheaded, the right hand cut off, the heart pluckt out, all which they carryed away in our fight, and for the rest of his carkasse, they caused the Indians to shoot it full of arrows, made but the same day, of green wood, and so left it to be devoured of the beasts and fowles, but that we went a shoare againe and buried it: wherein as there appeareth a most extream & barbarous cruelty, so doth it declare to the world, in what miserable feare the *Spaniard* holdeth the government of those parts; living in continuall dread of the forreign invasion by strangers, or secret cutting of throats, by those whom they kept under them in so shameful slavery, I mean the Innocent and harmles Indians. And therefore they make sure to murder what strangers soever they can come by, and suffer the Indians by no means to have any weapon longer then they be in present service: as appeared by their arrows cut from the tree the same day, as also by the cred ble report of others who knew the matter to be true. Yea they suppose they shew the wretches great favor, when they do not for their pleasures whip them with cords, and day by day drop their naked bodies with burning bacon: which is one of the least cruelties, amongst many, which they usually use against that Nation and people.

This being not the place we looked for, nor the entertainment such as we desired, we speedily got hence again, and *Decem. 20* the next day, fell with a more convenient harbor, in a bay somewhat to the Northward of the forenamed *Cj/pj* lying in 27. deg. 55. min. South the line.

Decem. 20.

In this place we spent some time in trimming of our ships, and building of our pinnace, as we desired: but still the grief for

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the absence of our friends remained with us, for the finding of whom, our Generall having now fitted all things to his mind, intended (leaving his ship the mean while at anchor in the bay) with his pinnace and some chosen men, himself to return back to the Southwards again; to see if happily he might either himself meet with them, or find them in some harbor or creek; or hear of them by any others, whom he might meet with, with this resolution he set on, but after one dayes sayling, the wind being contrary to his purpose, he was forced whether he would or no to return again.

Within this bay, during our abode there, we had such abundance of fish, not much unlike our Gurnard in England, as no place had ever afforded us the like (Cape blank only upon the coast of *Barbary* excepted) since our first setting forth of *Plymouth* untill this time, the plenty whereof in this place was such, that our gentlemen sporting themselves day by day, with 4. or 5. hooks and lines, in 2. or 3. hours, would take sometimes 400. sometimes more at one time.

Jan. 19,

All our businesses being thus dispatched, *January 19.* we set saile from hence; and the next place that we fel wirhall, *Jan. 22.* was an Island standing in the same height, with the north cape of the province of *Mormorena*, at this Island we found 4. Indians with their canows, which took upon them to bring our men to a place of fresh water on the aforesaid cape; in hope whereof, our generall made them great cheare (as his manner was to all strangers) and set his course by their direction, but when we came unto the place, and had travelled up along way into the land, we found fresh water indeed, but scarce so much as they had drunk wine in their passage thither.

As we sayled along, continually searching for fresh water; we came to a place called *Tarapaca*, and landing there we lighted on a *Spaniard* who lay asleep, and had lying by him 13. bars of silver, weighing in all, about 4000. Spanish ducats, we would not (could we have chosen) have awaked him of his nap: but seeing we against our will, did him that injury, we freed.

freed him of his charg, which otherwise perhaps would have kept him waking, and so left him to take out (if it pleased him) the other part of his sleep in more security. 1570.

Our search for water still continuing, as we landed again not far from thence, we met a *Spaniard* with an Indian boy, driving 8. Lambs or *Peruvian* sheep: each sheep bare two leathern bags, and in each bag was 50. pound weight of refined silver, in the whole 800. weight: we could not indure to see a gentleman *Spaniard* turnd Carrier to; and therefore without intreaty, we offered our service, and became drovers: only his directions was not so perfect, that we could keep the way which he intended; for almost as soon as he was parted from us, we with our new kind of carriages, were come unto our boats.

Farther beyond this cape fore-mentioned lie certain Indian towns, from whence as we passed by, came many of the people in certain bawfes made of Seals skins; of which two being joyned together of a just length, and side by side, resemble in fashion or form of a boat: they have in either of them a small gut, or some such thing blown full of winds by reason whereof it floateth, and is rowed very swiftly, carrying in it no small burthen. In these upon sight of our ship, they brought store of fish of divers sorts, to traffique with us, for any trifles we would give them: as knives, margarites, glasse, and such like, whereof, men of 60. and 70. years old, were as glad as if they had received some exceeding rich commodity, being a most simple and plain dealing people. Their resort unto us was such, as considering the shortnesse of the time, was wonderful to us to behold.

Nor far from this, viz. in 22. deg. 30. min. lay *Mormorena*, another great town of the same people, over whom 2. *Spaniards* held the governments, with these our generall thought meet to deale; or at least to try their courtesie, whether they would, in way of traffique, give us such things as we needed or no, and therefore Jan. the 26. we cast anchor here, we found

1578. them (more for fear then for love) somewhat tractable, and received them by exchange many good things, very necessary for our uses.

Amongst other things which we had of them, the sheep of the country (*viz.* such as we mentioned before bearing the leathern bags) were most memorable. Their height and length was equal to a pretty cow, & their strength fully answerable if not by much exceeding their size or stature. Upon one of their backs did sit at one time three well grown and tall men, and one boy, no mans foot touching the ground by a large foot in length, the beast nothing at all complaining of his burthen in the mean time. These sheep have necks like Camels; their heads bearing a reasonable resemblance of another sheep. The Spaniards use them to great profit. Their wool is exceeding fine, their flesh good meat, their increase ordinary, and besides they supply the room of horses for burthen or travell: yea they serve to carry over the mountains, marvellous loads, for 300 leagues together, where no other carriage can be made but by them only. Hereabout, as also all along, and up into the countrey throughout the Province of *Cusco*, the common ground wheresoever it be taken up, in every hundred pound weight of earth, yeildeth 25 s. of pure silver, after the rate of a crown an ounce.

Febr. 7.

The next place likely to afford us any newes of our ships (for in all this way from the height where we builded our pinnace, there was no bay or harbor at all for shipping) was the port of the town of *Arica*, standing in 20 d. whether we arrived the 7. of February. This town seemed to us to stand in the most fruitful soile that we saw all along these coasts: both for that it is situate in the mouth of a most pleasant and fertile vally, abounding with all good things; as also in that it hath continuall trade of shipping, as well from *Lyma* as from all other parts of *Peru*. It is inhabited by the Spaniards. In two barks here, we found some forty and odde bars of silver (of the bignesse and fashion of a brickbat, and in weight each of them about

about 20. pounds) of which we took the burthen on our selves 1578.
to ease them, and so departed towards *Chowley*; with which we
fell the second day, viz. *Feb. 9.* and in our way to *Lima*, we
met with another Bark, *Ariquipa*, which had begun to load *Febr. 9.*
some silver and gold, but having had (as it seemed from *Ari-*
ca by land) some notice of our coming, had unloaden the same
again before our arival. Yet in this our passage we met a-
nother bark loaden with linnen: some of which we thought
might stand us in some stead, and therefore took it with us.

At *Lima* we arrived *Feb. 15.* and notwithstanding the *Span-*
niards forces, though they had 30. at that present in harbour *Feb. 15.*
there, whereof 17. (most of them the especiall ships in all the
South sea) were fully ready, we entred and anchored all night
in the midst of them, in the *Calao*: and might have made
more spoile amongst them in few houres if we had been affe-
cted to revenge, then the *Spaniards* could have recovered again
in many years. But we had more care to get up that compa-
ny which we had so long mist, then to recompence their cru-
ell and hard dealing by an evill requitall, which now we
might have took. This *Lima* stands in 12. deg. 30. minutes
South latitude.

Here albeit no good news of our ships could be had, yet
got we the news of some things that seemed to comfort, if not
to countervayle our travels thither, as namely, that in the ship
of one *Mighell Angel* there, there were 1500. bars of plate, be-
sides some other things (as silks, linnen, and in one a chest full
of Royals of plate) which might stand us in some stead in the
other ships; aboard whom we made somewhat bold to bid our
selves welcome. Here also we heard the report of some things
that had befallen in & neer *Europe*, since our departure thence;
in particular of the death of some great personages; as the K.
of *Portugal*, and both the Kings of *Morocco* and *Tesse*, dead all
three in one day at one battel: the death of the K. of *France*,
and the Pope of *Rome*: whose abominations as they are in part
cut off from some Christian Kingdomes, where his shame

578. is manifest, so do his vassals & accursed instruments labour by all means possible to repaire that losse, by spreading the same the further in these parts, where his diuinish illusions and damnable deceivings are not known. And as his Doctrin takes place any where, so doth the manners that necessarily accompany the same, insinuate themselves together with the doctrine. For as its true that in all the parts of *America*, where the *Spaniards* have any government, the poysonous infection of Popery hath spread it self; so on the other side it is as true, that there is no City, as *Lima*, *Panama*, *Mexico*, &c. no Town or Village, yea no house almost in all these provinces, wherein (amongst other the like Spanish vertues) not only whordome, but the filthiness of *Sodom*, not to be named among Christians, is not common without reproof: the Popes pardons being more rife in these parts then they be in any part of *Europe*, for these filthinesses whereout he sucketh no small advantage. Notwithstanding the *Indians*, who are nothing neerer the true knowledge of God then they were before, abhor this most filthy & loathsome manner of living; shewing themselves in respect of the *Spaniards*, as the *Scythians* did in respect of the *Grecians*: who in their barbarous ignorance, yet in life and behaviour did so far excell the wise and learned *Greeks*, as they were short of them in the gifts of learning and knowledge.

But as the Pope and Antichristian Bishops labour by their wicked factors with tooth and naile to deface the glory of God, and to shut up in darknes the light of the gospel; so God doth not suffer his name and religion to be altogether without witnes, to the reproofing both of his false & damnable doctrine as also crying out against his unmeasurable and abominable licentiousness of the flesh, even in these parts. For in this City of *Lima*, not two moneths before our coming thither, there were certain persons, to the number of twelve apprehended, examined and condemned for the profession of the Gospel, and reproofing the doctrines of men, with the filthy manners used in that City: of which twelve, six were bound to one

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stake and burnt, the rest remained yet in prison to drink of the same cup within few days. Lastly, here we had intelligence of a certain rich ship, which was loaden with gold and silver for Panama, that he had set forth of this haven the 2. of February. Feb. 16.

The very next day therefore in the morning (*viz.* the 16. of the said moneth) we set sail, as long as the wind would serve our turn, and towed our ship as soon as the wind failed; continuing our course toward *Panama*, making stay no where, but hastening all we might, to get sight if it were possible, of that gallant ship the *Cacafuego*, the great glory of the south sea; which was gone from *Lima* 14. dayes before us.

We fell with the port of *Paita* in 4. de. 40. m. Feb. 20. with Feb. 20. port Saint *Hellen*, and the River and part of *Guiaquil*, Feb. 24. Febr. 24. we past the line the 28. and first of *March* we fell with cape Feb 28. *Francisco*: where, about midday, we descried a saile, a head of March 1. us, with whom after once we had spoken with her, we lay still in the same place about six dayes; to recover our breath again, which we had almost spent with hasty following, and to recall to mind what advantages had past us since our late coming from *Lima*; but especially to do *John de Anton* a kindnesse, in freeing him of the care of those things with which his ship was loaden.

This ship we found to be the same of which we had heard, not only in the *Calao* of *Lima*, but also by divers occasions afterward (which now we are at leasure to relate; *viz.* by a ship which we took between *Lima* and *Paita*; by another which we took loaden with wine in the port of *Paita*; by a third loaden with tackling and implements for ships (besides 80. pound weight in gold) from *Guiaquil*. And lastly, by *Gabriel Alvarez*, with whom we talked somewhat nearer the line) we found her to be indeed the *Catafuego*: though before we left her, she were new named by a boy of her own the *Cacaplata*. We found in her some Fruit, conserves, sugars, meale & other victuals, & (that which was the especiallest cause of her heavy and slow sayling) a certain quantity of Jewels, and precious stones, 13 chests

1578. chests of Ryals of plate; 80. pound weight in gold; 26. tunne of uncoyned silver; two very faire guilt silver drinking-bouls, and the like trifles, valued in about 360000. pezoës. We gave the Master a little linnen and the like for these commodities; and at the end of six dayes we bad farewell and parted. He hasting somewhat lighter then before to *Panama*, we plying off to sea, that we might with more leasure consider what course hence forward were fittest to be taken.

And considering that now we were come to the northward of the line (*Cape Francisco* standing in the entrance of the bay *Panama*, in 1. deg. of North latitude) and that there was no likelihood or hope that our ships should be before us that way by any means; seeing that in running so many deg. from the southermost Hands hitherto, we could not have any sign or notice of their passage that way, notwithstanding that we had made so diligent search, and careful enquiry, after them, in every harbor or creek almost as we had done; and considering also that the time of the year now drew on, wherein we must attempt, or of necessity wholly give off that action which chiefly our General had determined: namely, the discovery of what passage there was to be found about the northern parts of *America*, from the south sea, into our own Ocean (which being once discovered and made known to be navigable, we should not only do our country good and notable service, but we also our selves should have a neerer cut and passage home: where otherwise we were to make a very long & tedious voyage of it, which would hardly agree with our good liking, we having been so long from home already, and so much of our strength separated from us) which could not at all be done, if the opportunity of time were now neglected: we therefore all of us willingly hearkned, and consented to our Generals advice: which was, first to seek out some convenient place, wherein to trim our ships, and store our selves with wood and water and other provisions as we could get: and thenceforward to hasten on our intended journey, for the discovery of the said passage, through

through which we might with joy returne to our longed 1579.
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From this cape before we set onward *March* the 7. shaping *March 7*
our course towards the Island of *Caines*, with which we felt
March 16. settling our selves for certain dayes, in a Fresh river, *March 16,*
between the main and it; for the finishing of our needfull bu-
sinesse as is aforesaid. While we abode in this place, we felt a
very terrible earthquake, the force whereof was such, that our
ship and Pinnace, riding very neere an English mile from the
shoare, were shaken and did quiver as if it had been laid on
dry land: we found here many good commodities which we
wanted, as Fish, Fresh water, Wood, &c. besides *Alagarto*es,
Munckeyes and the like, and in our journey hither, we met
with one ship more (the last we met with in all those coasts)
loaded with Linnen China-silk, and China-dishes, amongst
which we found also a Faulcon of gold, handsomely wrought
with a great Emerald set in the breast of it.

From whence we parted the 24. day of the moneth forena- *Maye. 24*
med, with full purpose to run the neereft course as the wind
would suffer us, without touch of land along time; and there-
fore passed by port *Papagaia*; the port of the Vale of the most
rich and most excellent balmes of *Jericho*, *Quantapico*, and di-
verse others; as also certain gulphes hereabouts, which with-
out intermission, send forth such continuall and violent winds,
that the *Spaniards*, though their ships be good, dare not ven-
ture themselves too neere the danger of them.

Notwithstanding, having notice that we should be troubled
with often calms, and contrary winds, if we continued neere
the coast, and did not run off to sea to fetch the wind; and
that if we did so, we could not then fall with land again when
we would: our Generall thought it needfull, that we should
run in with some place or other, before our departure from
the coast; to see if happily we could by traffique, augment
our provision of victuals, and other necessities: that being at
sea, we might not be driven to any great want or necessi-

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April 15 The next harbor therefore which we chanced with, on *Apr.* 15. in 15. de. 40. min. was *Guatulco* so named of the *Spaniards* who inhabited it, with whom we had some entercourse, to the supply of many things which we desired, and chiefly bread &c. And now having reasonably, as we thought provided ourselves, we departed from the coast of *America* for the present: but not forgetting, before we gate a shipboard, to take with us also a certain pot (of about a bushell in bignesse) full of royals of plate, which we found in the town: together with a chain of gold, and some other jewels, which we intreated a gentleman *Spaniard* to leave behind him, as he was flying out of town.

Apr. 16. From *Guatulco* we departed the day following, viz. *April.* 16. setting our course directly into the sea: whereupon we sailed 500. leagues in longitude to get a wind: and between that and *June 3.* 1400. leagues in all, till we came into 42. deg. of North latitude, where in the night following, we found such alteration of heat, into extreame and nipping cold, that our men in generall did grievously complaine thereof: some of them feeling their healths much impaired thereby, neither was it, that this chanced in the night alone, but the day following carried with it, not only the marks, but the stings and force of the night going before, to the great admiration of us all, for besides that the pinching and biting aire, was nothing altered, the very ropes of our ship were stiffe, and the raine which fell, was an unnaturall and frozen substance, so that we seemed rather to be in the frozen Zone, then any way so neer unto the sun, or these hotter climates.

Neither did this happen for the time only, or by some sudden accident, but rather seems indeed, to proceed from some ordinary cause, against the which the heate of the sun prevails not, for it came to that extremity, in sailing but 2. deg. farther to the northward in our course: that though sea-men lack not good

good stomacks, yet it seemed a question to many amongst us, 1578.
 whether their hands should feed their mouths, or rather keep
 themselves within their coverts, from the pinching cold that
 did benum them. Neither could we impute it to the tender-
 nesse of our bodiesthough we came lately from the extremity
 of heate, by reason whereof we might be more sensible of the
 present cold: inso much as the dead and senselesse creatures, were
 as well affected with it as our selves, our meat as soon as it
 was removed from the fire, would presently in a manner be
 frozen up; and our ropes and tackling, in few dayes were
 grown to that stiffness, that what three men before were able
 with them to perform, now six men with their best strength,
 and uttermost endeavour, were hardly able to accomplish:
 whereby a sudden and great discouragement seased upon the
 minds of our men, and they were possessed with a great mis-
 like, and doubting of any good to be done that way, yet would
 not our generall be discouraged, but as well by comfortable
 speeches of the divine providence, and of Gods loving care
 over his children out of the scriptures; as also by other good
 and profitable perswasions, adding thereto his own cheerfull
 example, he so stirred them up, to put on a good courage, and
 to quit themselves like men, to endure some short extremity,
 to have the speedier comfort, and a little trouble, to obtain the
 greater glory; that every man was as thoroughly armed with
 willingnesse, and resolved to see the uttermost, if it were pos-
 sible, of what good was to be done that way.

The land in that part of *America*, bearing farther out into
 the west, then we before imagined, we were neerer on it then
 we were aware; and yet the neerer still we came unto it, the
 more extremity of cold did sease upon us. The 5. day of *June*
 we were forced by contrary winds, to run in with the shoares,
 which we then first descryed; and to cast anchor in a bad bay: *June 5.*
 the best road we could for the present meet with: where we
 were not without some danger, by reason of the many extream
 gusts and flaws that beat upon us; which if they ceased and

1579. were still at any time, immediately upon their intermission, there followed most vile, thick and stinking fogs; against which the sea prevailed nothing, till the gust of wind again removed them, which brought with them, such extremity and violence when they came, that there was no dealing or resisting against them.

In this place was no abiding for us; and to go further North, the extremity of the cold (which had now utterly discouraged our men) would not permit us: and the winds directly bent against us, having once gotten us under saile againe, commanded us to the southward whether we would or no.

From the height of 48. de. in which now we were, to 38. we found the land by coasting along it to be but low and reasonable plaine: every hil (whereof we saw many, but none very high) though it were in Iune, and the Sun in his neereft approach unto them being covered with snow.

In 38. deg. 30. min. we fell with a convenient and fit harbor: rough, and June 17. came to anchor therein; where we continued till the 23. day of July following. During all which time notwithstanding it was in the height of Summer, and so neere the Sun; yet were we continually visited with like nipping colds, as we had felt before: insomuch that if violent exercises of our bodies, and busie imployment about our necessary labors, had not sometimes compelled us to the contrary, we could very well have been contented to have kept about us still our winter clothes; yea (had our necessities suffered us) to have kept our beds; neither could we at any time in whole foureteen dayes together, find the aire so cleare as to be able to take the height of Sun or star.

And here having so fit occasion, (notwithstanding it may seem to be besides the purpose of writing the history of this our voyage) we will a little more diligently inquire into the causes of the continuance of the extream cold in these parts: as also into the probabilities or unlikelihoods of a passage to be found that way. Neither was it (as hath formerly been touch-
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ed) the tenderness of our bodies, coming so lately out of the heat, whereby the pores were opened, that made us so sensible of the colds we here felt: in this respect, as in many others, we found our God a provident Father, and careful physician to us. We lacked no outward helps nor inward comforts, to restore & Fortifie nature, had it been decayed or weakned in us; neither was there wanting to us the great experience of our Generall, who had often himself proved the Force of the burning zone; whose advice alwayes prevailed much to the preserving of a moderate temper in our constitutions: so that even after our departure from the heat, we alwaies found our bodies not as sponges, but strong & hardned, more able to beare out cold, though we came out of excess of heat, then a number of chamber companions could have been, who lie on their Featherbeds till they go to sea, or rather whose teeth in a temperate aire do beat in their heads at a cup of cold Sack and sugar by the fire.

And that is was not our tenderness, but the very extremity of the cold it self, that caused this sensibleness in us, may the rather appear in that the naturall inhabitants of the place (with whom we had for along season familiar entercourse, as is to be related) who had never been acquainted with such heat, to whom the country, aire, & climate was proper; & in whom custome of cold was as it were a second nature: yet used to come shivering to us in their warm furs, crowding close together body to body, to receive heat one of another; and sheltering themselves under a lee bank if it were possible; and as often as they could, labouring to shroud themselves under our garments also, to keep them warm. Besides how unhandsome & deformed appeared the face of the Earth itself! shewing trees without leaves, and the ground without greenness in those moneths of *June and July*. The poore birds and foules not daring (as we had great experience to observe it) not daring so much as once to arise from their nest, after the first egg layed, till it with all the rest be hatched, and brought to some strength of nature, able to help it self. Only this recompence

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hath nature afforded them, that the heat of their own bodies being exceeding great, it perfecteth the creature with greater expedition, and in shorter time then is to be found in many other places. As for the causes of this extremity they seem not to be so deeply hidden, but that they may at least in part be guessed at: the chiefest of which we conceive to be the large spreading of the *Asian and American* continent, which (somewhat northward of these parts) if they be not fully joyned, yet seem they to come very neer one to the other. From whose high and snow-covered mountains, the north and northwest winds (the constant visitants of those coasts) send abroad their frozen nimphs, to the infecting of the whole aire with this insufferable sharpnes: not permitting the Sun, no not in the pride of his heat, to dissolve that congealed matter and snow, which they have breathed out so nigh the Sun, and so many degrees distant from themselves. And that the north and north-west winds are here constant in *June* and *July*, as the north wind alone is in *August* and *September*; we not only found it by our own experience, but were fully confirm'd in the opinion thereof, by the continued observations of the *Spaniards*. Hence comes the generall squalidness and barraneness of the country; hence comes it, that in the mid'st of their summer, the snow hardly departeth even from their very doors, but is never taken away from their hills at all; hence comes those thick mists and most stinking foggs, which increase so much the more, by how much higher the pole is raised: wherein a blind pilot is as good as the best director of a course. For the Sun striving to perform his naturall office, in elevating the vapors out of these inferiour bodies; draweth necessarily abundance of moisture out of the sea: but the nipping cold (from the former causes) meeting & opposing the Suns indeavor, forces him to give over his work imperfect: and instead of higher elevation, to leave in the lowest region, wandring upon the face of the earth and waters, as it were a second sea: through which its own beams cannot possibly pierce, unlesse sometimes when
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the suddain violence of the winds doth help to scatter and breake through it; which thing happeneth very seldomes, and when it happeneth, is of no continuance. Some of our mariners in this voyage had formerly been at Wardhouse, in 72 deg. of north lat. who yet affirmed, that they felt no such niping cold there in the end of summer, when they departed thence, as they did here in those hottest moneths of *June* and *July*. And also from these reasons we conjectures that either there is no passage at all through these northern coasts (which is most likely) or if there be, that yet it is unnavigable. Adde hereunto, that though we searched the coast diligently, even unto the 48. deg. yet found we not the land, to trend so much as one point in any place towards the East, but rather running on continually northwest, as if it went directly to meet with *Asia*: and even in that height when we had a franke wind to have carried us through, had there been a passage, yet we had a smooth and calm sea, with ordinary flowing and reflowing, which could not have been, had there been a Frete: of which we rather infallibly concluded then conjectured, that there was none. But to return.

The next day after our coming to anchor in the aforesaid harbor, the people of the country shewed themselves; sending off a man with great expedition to us in a canow. Who being yet but a little from the shore, and a great way from our ship, spake to us continually as he came rowing on. And at last at a reasonable distance staying himself, he began more solemnly a long and tedious oration, after his manner: using in the delivery thereof, many gestures and signs; moving his hands, turning his head and body many wayes; and after his oration ended, with great shew of reverence and submission, returned back to shoar again. He shortly came again the second time in like manner, and so the third time: when he brought with him (as a present from the rest) a bunch of *Feathers*, much like the Feathers of a black crow, very neatly and artificially gathered upon a string, and drawn together into a round bundle, being very clean.

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1579. clean & finely cut, and bearing in length an equall proportion one with another; a speciall cognizance (as we afterwards observed) which they that guard their Kings person, weare on their heads. With this also he brought a little basket made of rushes, and filled with an herb which they called *Tabah*. Both which being tyed to a short rod, he cast into a boat. Our generall intended to have recompenced him immediately with many good things he would have bestowed on him: but entring into the boat to deliver the same, he could not be drawn to receive them by any means: save one hat, which being cast into the water out of the ship, he took up (refusing utterly to meddle with any other thing, though it were upon a board put off unto him) and so presently made his return. After which time, our boat could row no way, but wondring at us as at gods, they would follow the same with admiration.

IAHU. 21. The 3. day following, viz. the 21. our ship having received a leake at sea, was brought to anchor neer the shoar, that her goods being landed, she might be repaired: but for that we were to prevent any danger that might chance against our safety, our generall first of all landed his men, with all necessary provision to build tents and make a fort for the defence of our selves and goods: and that we might under the shelter of it, with more safety (whatever should befall, end our business; which when the people of the country perceived us doing, as men set on fire to war, in defence of their country, in great hast and companies, with such weapons as they had, they came down unto us, yet with no hostile meaning, or intent to hurt us: standing when they drew neere, as men ravished in their mindes, with the sight of such things as they never had seen, or heard off before that time: their errand being rather with submission and feare to worship us as gods, then to have any war with us as with mortal men. Which thing as it did partly shew it self at that instant, so did it more and more manifest it self afterwards, during the whole time of our abode amongst them. At this time, being willed by signs to lay from them

them there bowes and arrows, they did as they were directed 1578. and so did all the rest, as they came more and more by companies unto them, growing in a little while, to a great number both of men and women.

To the intent therefore, that this peace which they themselves so willingly sought, might without any cause of the breach thereof, on our part given to be continued, and that we might with more safety and expedition, end our businesses in quiet; our Generall with all his company, used all means possibly, gently to intreat them, bestowing upon each of them liberally, good and necessary things to cover their nakednesse, withall signifying unto them, we were no gods but men, and had need of such things to cover our own shame; teaching them to use them to the same ends: for which cause also we did eate and drink in their presence, giving them to understand, that without that we could not live, and therefore were but men as well as they.

Notwithstanding nothing could perswade them, nor remove that opinion which they had conceived of us, that we should be gods.

In recompence of those things which they had received of us, as shirts, linnen cloth, &c. they bestowed upon our generall, and divers of our company, diverse things, as Feathers, Cawls of network, the quivers of their arrows made of Fawns-skins, and the very skins of beasts that their women wore upon their bodies. Having thus had their fill of this times visiting and beholding of us, they departed with joy to their houses, which houses are digged round within the earth, and have from the uppermost brims of the circle, clefts of wood set up, and joyned close together at the top, like our spires on the steeple of a church: which being covered with earth, suffer no water to enter, and are very warm, the doore in the most part of them, performs the office also of a chimney to let out the smoake: its made in bignesse and fashion, like to an ordinary scuttle in a ship, and standing slopewise: their beds are the hard ground,

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Their men for the most part go naked, the women take a kind of bulrushes, and kembering it after the manner of hempe, make themselves thereof a loose garment, which being knit about their middles, hangs down about their hips, and so affords to them a covering of that which nature teaches should be hidden: about their shoulders they weare also the skin of a deere, with the haire upon it. They are very obedient to their husbands, and exceeding ready in all services: yet of themselves offering to do nothing, without the consents, or being called of the men.

As soon as they were returned to their houses, they began amongst themselves, a kind of most lamentable weeping and crying out; which they continued also a great while together, in such sort, that in the place where they left us (being neer about 3 quarters or an English mile distant from them) we very plainly, with wonder and admiration did heare the same: the women especially, extending their voices, in a most miserable and doleful manner of shrieking.

Notwithstanding this humble manner of presenting themselves, and awfull demeanour used towards us, we thought it no wisdom too far to trust them (our experience of former Infidels dealing with us before, made us carefull to provide against an alteration of their affections, or breach of peace if it should happen) and therefore with all expedition we set up our tents, and entrenched our selves with walls of stone: that so being fortified within our selves, we might be able to keep off the enemy) if they should so prove) from coming amongst us without our good wills: this being quickly finished we went the more cheerfully and securely afterward, about our other businesse.

Against the end of two dayes (during which time they had

not again been with us (there was gathered together a great assembly of men, women, and children (invited by the report of them which first saw us, who as it seems, had in that time, of purpose dispersed themselves into the country, to make known the newes) who came now the second time unto us, bringing with them as before had been done, Feathers, and bags of *Tobacco* for presents, or rather indeed for sacrifices, upon this perswasion that we were gods. 1579.

When they came to the top of the hill, at the bottome whereof we had built our fort, they made a stand; where one (appointed as their chief speaker) wearied both us his hearers, and himself too, with a long and tedious oration: delivered with strange and violent gestures, his voice being extended to the uttermost strength of nature, and his words fall so thick one in the neck of another, that he could hardly fetch his breath again: as soon as he had concluded, all the rest, with a reverend bowing of their bodies (in a dreaming manner, and long producing of the same) cried *oh*: thereby giving their consents, that all was very true which he had spoken, and that they had uttered their mind by mouth unto us: which done, the men laying down their bowes upon the hill, and leaving their women and children behind them, came down with their presents; in such sort, as if they had appeared before a God indeed: thinking themselves happy, that they might have access unto our generall, but much more happy, when they say that he would receive at their hands, those things which they so willingly had presented: and no doubt, they thought themselves nearest unto God, when they sate or stood next to him: in the mean time the women, as if they had been desperate, used unnatural violence against themselves crying and shrieking pitifully, tearing their flesh with their nalles from their cheakes, in a monstrous manner, the blood streaming down along their breasts, besides spoiling the upper parts of their bodies, of those single coverings they formerly had, and holding their hands above their heads, that they might not rescue their breasts

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from harm, they would with furie cast themselves upon the ground, never respecting whether it were clean or soft, but dashed themselves in this manner on hard stones, knobby hillocks, stocks of wood, pricking bushes, or what ever else lay in their way, iterating the same course again and again: yea women great with child, some nine or ten times each, and others holding out till 15. or 16. times (till their strength failed them) exercised this cruelty against themselves: a thing more grievous for us to see, or suffer, could we have holpt it, then trouble to them (as it seemed) to doe it.

This bloody sacrifice (against our wils) being thus performed, our generall with his company in the presence of those strangers tell to prayers: and by signes in lifting up our eyes & hands to heaven, signified unto them, that that God whom we did serve, and whom they ought to worship, was above: beseeching God if it were his good pleasure to open by some means their blinded eyes; that they might in due time be called to the knowledge of him the true and everliving God, and of Jesus Christ whom he hath sent, the salvation of the Gentiles. In the time of which prayers, singing of psalms, and reading of certain chapters in the Bible, they sate very attentively; and observing the end of every pause, with one voyce still cryed, oh, greatly rejoycing in our exercises. Yea they took such pleasure in our singing of psalmes, that whensoever they resorted to us, their first request was commonly this, *Gnaah*, by which they intreated that we should sing.

Our generall having now bestowed upon them divers things, at their departure they restored them again, none carrying with him any thing of whatsoever he had received, thinking themselves sufficiently enriched and happy, that they had found so free access to see us.

Against the end of three dayes more (the newes having the while spread it self farther, and as it seemed a great way up into the country) were assembled the greatest number of people, which we could reasonably imagine, to dwell within any

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convenient distance round about. Amongst the rest, the King himself, a man of a goodly stature and comely personage, attended with his guard, of about 100. tall and warlike men, this day, viz. June 26. came down to to see us. 1579

Before his coming, were sent tve Ambassadors or messengers, to our generall, to signifie that their *Hioh*, that is their K. was coming and at hand. They in the delivery of their message, the one spake with a soft and low voyce, prompting his fellow: the other pronounced the same word by word after him, with a voyce more audible: continuing their proclimation (for such it was) about half an houre. Which being ended, they by their signs made request to our General, to send something by their hands to their *Hioh* or King, as a token that his coming might be in peace. Our generall willingly satisfied their desires, and they glad men, made speedy return to their *hioh*. Neither was it long before their K (making as princely a shew as possibly he could) with all his train came forward. June 26.

In their coming forwards they cryed continually after a singing manner, with a lusty courage. And as they drew neerer and neerer towards us, so did they more & more strive to behave themselves with a certain comlineffe and gravity in all their actions.

In the forefront came a man of a large body and goodly aspect, bearing the Septer or royall mace (made of a certain kind of black wood, and in length about a yard and a halfe) before the King. Whereupon hanged two crowns, a bigger and a lesse, with three chains of a maveinous length, and often doubled; besides a bag of the herb *Tabah*. The crowns were made of knitwork, wrought upon most curiously with Feathers of divers colours, very artificiall placed, and of a formal fashion. The chains seemed of a bony substance; every kinde or part thereof being very little, thin, most finely burnished, with a hole pierced through the middest. The number of links going to make one chain, is in a manner infinite: but of such estimation it is amongst them, that few be the persons that are ad-

1579. ted to weare the same: and even they to whom its lawfull to use them, yet are stinted what number they shall use as some ten, some twelve, some 20. and as they exceed in number of chains, so are they thereby known to be the more honourable personages.

Next unto him that bare this Scepter, was the King himself with his guard about him: his attire upon his head was a cawl of knitwork, wrought upon somewhat like the crown, but differing much both in fashion and perfectnesse of work, upon his shoulders he had on a coat of the skins of conies, reaching to his waist: his guard also had each coats of the same shape, but of other skins, some having cawls likewise such with feathers, or covered over with a certain down, which groweth up in the country upon an herb much like our lestruce: which exceeds any other down in the world for finenesse, and being layed upon their cawls by no winds can be removed: of such estimation is this herb amonst them, that the down thereof is not lawfull to be worn, but of such persons as are about the king (to whom also it is permitted to weare a plume of Feathers on their heads in sign of honour) and the seeds are not used but only in sacrifice to their gods. After these in their order, did follow the naked sort of common people; whose hair being long, was gathered into a bunch behind, in which stuck plumes of Feathers, but in the forepart only single Feathers like horn, ever one pleasing himself in his own device.

This one thing was observed to be generall amonst them all, that every one had his face painted, some with white, some with black, and some with other colors, every man also bringing in his hand one thing or other for a present: their train or last part of their company consisted of women and children, each woman bearing against her brest a round basket or two, having with them divers things, as bags of *Tabah*, a root which they call *Petah*, whereof they make a kind of meale, and either beake it into bread, or eate it raw; broyled fishes like a pilchard; the seed and down afore named, with such like.

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Their baskets were made in fashion like a deep boale, and though the matter were rushes, or such other kind of stuff, yet was it so cunningly handled, that the most part of them would hold water: about the brims they were hanged with pieces of the shells of pearls, and in some places with two or three links at a place, of the chains forenamed: thereby signifying that they were vessels wholly dedicated to the only use of the gods they worshiped: and besides this, they were wrought upon with the matted down of red Feathers, distinguished into divers works and forms.

In the mean time our Generall having assembled his men together (as forecasting the danger, and worst that might fall out) prepared himself to stand upon sure ground, that we might at all times be ready in our own defence, if any thing should chance otherwise then was looked for or expected.

Wherefore every man being in a warlike readiness, he marched within his fenced place, making against their approach a most warlike shew (as he did also at all other times of their resort) whereby if they had been desperate enemies, they could not have chosen, but have conceived error and feare, with discouragement to attempt any thing against us in beholding of the same.

When they were come somewhat neere unto us, trooping together, they gave us a common or a generall salutation: observing in the mean time a generall silence. Whereupon he who bare the Scepter before the king, being prompted by another whom the King assigned to that office, pronounced with an audible and manly voice, what the other spake to him in secret: continuing, whether it were his oration or proclamation, at the least half an houre. At the close whereof, there was a common Amen, in sign of approbation given by every person: and the King himself with the whole number of men and women, the little children only remaining behind, came further down the hill, and as they came set themselves again in their former order.

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And being now come to the foot of the hill and neere our fort, the Scepter-bearer with a composed countenance and stately carriage, began a song, and answerable thereunto, observed a kind of measures in a danc: whom the Ki. with his guard, and every sort of person following, did in like manner sing and daunce, saving only the woman who danced but kept silence. As they daunced they still came on: and our Generall perceiving their plain and simple meaning, gave order that they might freely enter without interruption within our bulwark: where after they had entred, they yet continued their song, and daunce a reasonable time: their women also following them with their wassaile boales in their hands, their bodies bruised, their faces torn, their dugs, breast, and other parts bespotted with bloud, trickling down from the wounds, which with their nailes they had made before their coming.

After that they had satisfied or rather tyred themselves in this manner, they made signs to our generall to have him sit down: unto whom, both the king and divers others made severall orations, or rather indeed if we had understood them, supplications, that he would take the province and kingdome into his hand, and become their King and patron: making signs that they would resign unto him their right and title in the whole land, and become his vassals in themselves and his posterities: which that they might make us indeed believe that it was their true meaning and intent; the King himself with all the rest with one consent, and with a great reverence, joyfully singing a song, set the crown upon his head: enriched his neck with all their chains and offering unto him many other things honoured him by the name of *Hyob*. Adding thereunto (as it might seem) a song and a daunce of triumph: because they were not only visited of gods (for so they still judged us to be) but the great and chief god was now become their god, their king and patron, and themselves were become the only happy and blessed people in all the world.

These things being so freely offered, our Generall thought not

not meet to reject or refuse the same: both for that we would not give them any cause of mistrust, or disliking of him (that being the only place, wherein at this present we were of necessity inforced to seek relief of many things) and chiefly, for that he knew not to what good end God had brought this to passe, or what honour or profit it might bring to our country in time to come.

Wherefore in the name and to the use of her most excellent Majesty, he took the Scepter, Crown and dignity of the said country into his hand: wishing nothing more then that it had layen so fitly for her Majesty to enjoy, as it was now her proper own, and that the riches and treasure thereof (wherewith in the up-land countries it abounds) might with as great conveniency be transported, to the enriching of her kingdome here at home, as it is in plenty to be attained there: and especially, that so tractable and loving a people, as they shewed themselves to be, might have meanes to have manifested their most willing obedience the more under her, and by her meanes, as a mother and nurse of the Church of *Christ*, might by the preaching of the gospel be brought to the right knowledge, and obedience of the true and ever living God.

The ceremonies of this resigning, and receiving of the kingdome, being thus performed, and the common sort but of men and women, leaving the king and his guard about him, with our generall, disperled themselves among our people, taking a diligent view or survey of every man; and finding such as pleased their fancies (which commonly were the youngest of us) they presently enclosing them about, offered their sacrifices unto them, crying out with lamentable shrieks and moanes, weeping and scratching, and tearing their very flesh off their faces with their nailes, neither were it the woman alone which did this, but even old men, roaring, and crying out, were as violent as the women were.

We groaned in spirit to see the power of Sathan so far prevailed, in seducing these so harmlesse soules, and laboured by all

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After that time had a little qualified their madness, they then began to shew & make known unto us their griefs & diseases which they carryed about them, some of them having old aches, some shrunke sinews, some old sores and cankered ulcers, some wounds more lately received, and the like, in most lamentable manner craving help and cure thereof from us: making signs, that if we did but blow upon their griefs, or but touched the diseased places, they would be whole.

Their griefs we could not but take pittie on them, and to our own desire to help them: but that (if it pleased God to open their eyes) they might understand we were but men and no gods, we used ordinary means, as lotions, emplasters, and unguents most firly (as far as our skills could guesse) agreeing to the natures of their griefs, beseeching God, if it made for his glory, to give cure to their diseases by these means. The like we did from time to time as they resorted to us.

Few were the dayes, wherein they were absent from us, during the whole time of our abode in that place: and ordinarily every third day, they brought their sacrifices, till such time, as they certainly understood our meaning, that we took no pleasure, but were displeased with them: whereupon their zeale abated, and their sacrificing, for a season, to our good liking ceased: notwithstanding they continued still to make their resort unto us in great abundance, and in such sort, that they oftentimes forgot, to provide meate for their own sustenance: so that

that our generall (of whom they made account as of a father) 1579.
was faine to perform the the office of a father to them, relieving them with such victuals as we had provided for our selves, as Muscles, Seales, and such like, wherein they took exceeding much contents; and seeing that their sacrifices were displeasing to us, yet (hating ingratitude) they sought to recompence us, with such things as they had, which they willingly inforced upon us, though it were never so necessary or needfull for themselves to keep.

They are a people of a tractable, free, and loving nature, without guile or treachery; their bows and arrows (their only weapons, and almost all their wealth) they use use very skilfully, but yet not do any great harm with them, being by reason of their weakeness, more fit for children then for men, sending the arrow far off, nor with any great force: and yet are the men commonly so strong of body, that which 2. or 3. of our men could hardly beare, one of them would take upon his back, and without grudging carry it easily away, up hill and down hill an English mile together: they are also exceeding swift in running, and of long continuance; the use whereof is so familiar with them, that they seldome goe, but for the most part run. One thing we observed in them with admiration: that if any time, they chanced to see a fish so neer the shoare that they might reach the place without swimming, they would seldome, or never misse to take it.

After that our necessary businesses were wel dispatched, our generall with his gentlemen, and many of his company, made a journey up into the land, to see the manner of their dwelling, and to be the better acquainted with the nature & commodities of the country: their houses were all such as we have formerly described, and being many of them in one place, made severall villages here and there. The inland we found to be far different from the shoare, a goodly country and fruitful soil, stored with many blessings fit for the use of man: infinite was the company of very large and fat Deer, which there we saw

by thousands, as we supposed, in a herd: besides a multitude of a strange kind of conies, by far exceeding them in number: their heads and bodies, in which they resemble other Conies, are but small; his taile like the taile of a Rat, exceeding long; and his feet like paws of a Want or Moale; under his chin, on either side, he hath a bagge, into which he gathereth his meate, when he hath filled his belley abroad, that he may with it, either feed his young, or feed himself, when he lifts not to travaile from his burrow: the people eat their bodies, and make great account of their skins, for their Kings holidaies coat was made of them.

This country our Generall named *Albion*, and that for two causes: the one in respect of the white banks and cliffes, which lie toward the sea: the other, that it might have some affinity, even in name also, with our own country, which was sometime so called.

Before we went from thence, our generall caused to be set up a monument of our being there: as also of her Majesties, and successors right and title to that kingdome, namely, a plate of brasse, fast nailed to a great and firm post; whereon is engraven her graces name, and the day and yeare of our arrivall there, and of the free giving up, of the province and kingdome, both by the king and people, into her Majesties hands: together with her highnesse picture, and arms in a piece of sixpence currant English money, shewing it self by a hole made of purpose through the place: underneath was likewise engraven the name of our Generall, &c.

The *Spaniards* never had any dealing, or so much as set a foot in this country: the utmost of their discourses, reaching onely to many degrees Southward of this place.

And now, as the time of our departure was perceived by them to draw nigh, so did the sorrows and miseries of this people, seem to themselves to increase upon them; and the more certain they were of our going away, the more doubtfull they shewed themselves, what they might doe: so that we might easily

my Judge that that joy (being exceeding great) wherewith they received us at our first arrivall, was clean drown'd in their excessive sorrow for our departing: for they did not only loose on a suddain all mirth, joy, glad countenance, pleasant speeches, agility of body, familiar rejoycing one with another, and all pleasure whotsoever flesh and bloud might be delighted in, but with sighs and sorrowings; with heavy hearts and grieved minds, they powred out wofull complaints and moanes, with bitter teares and wringing of their hands, tormenting themselves. And as men refusing all comfort, they only accounted themselves as castawaves, and those whom the gods were about to forsake: so that nothing we could say or doe, was able to ease them of their so heavy a burthen, or to deliver them from so desperate a strait, as our leaving of them did seem to them that it would cast them into.

Howbeit seeing they could not still enjoy our presence, they (supposing us to be gods indeed) thought it their duties to intreat us that being absent, we would yet be mindfull of them, and making signes of their desires, that in time to come we would see them again, they stole upon us a sacrifice, and set it on fire ere we were aware: burning therein a chaine and a bunch of feathers. We laboured by all meanes possible to withhold or withdraw them, but could not prevaile, till at last we fell to prayers and singing of Psalms, whereby they were allured immediately to forget their folly, and leave their sacrifice unconsumed, suffering the fire to goe out, and imitating us in all our actions; they all a lifting up their eyes and hands to heaven as they saw us doe.

The 23. of July they took a sorrowfull farewell of us, but being loath to leave us, they presently ran to the tops of the hills to keep us in their sight as long as they could, making fires before and behind, and on each side of them, burning therein (as is to be supposed) sacrifices to our departure.

Not far without this harborough, lide lye certain Islands (we called them the Islands of Saint James) having on them plen-

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July 24. A full and great store of Seals and birds, with one of which we
July 25. fell, *July 24.* whereupon we found such provision as might
 competently serve our turn for a while: we departed again the
 day next following, *viz. July 25.* And our Generall now con-
 sidering, that the extremity of the cold not only continued
 but increased, the Sun being gone farther from us, and that the
 wind blowing still (as it did at first) from the northwest, cut
 off all of finding a passage through the northern parts, thought
 it necessary to looke no time; and therefore with generall con-
 sent of all, bent his course directly to runne with the Islands
 of the *Moluccas*. And so having nothing in our view but aire
 and sea, without sight of any land for the space of full 68. days
 together, we continued our course through the main Ocean,
Sept. 30. till *September 30.* following, on which day we fell in kenne of
 certain Islands, lying about eight degrees to the Northward
 of the line.

From these Islands presently upon the discovery of us, came
 a great number of canows, having each of them in some
 foure, in some six, in some foureteen or fifteen men, bringing
 with them Coquos, fish, Potatoes, and certain fruits to small
 purpose.

These canows were made after the fashion, that the canows
 of all the rest of the Islands of *Moluccas* for the most part are:
 that is, of one tree, hollowed within with great art and cunning
 being made so smooth both within and without, that they
 bore a glass, as if it were a harness most finely burnished: a
 prow and stern they had of one fashion, yeilding inward in
 manner of a semicircle, of a great height, and hanged full of
 certain white and glistening shels for bravery: on each side of
 their canows, lay out two pieces of Timber about a yard and
 half long, more or less according to the capacity of their boat.
 At the ends whereof was fastned crosswise a great cane, the
 use whereof was to keep their canows from overthrowing,
 and that they might be equally born up on each side.

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cut round or circlewise, hanging down very low upon their cheeks, wherein they hang things of a reasonable weight: the nails on the fingers of some of them, were at least an inch long and their teeth as black as pitch: the colour whereof they use to renew by often eating of an herb, with a kind of powder, which in a cane they carry about them for the same purpose. The first sort & company of those canows being come to our ship (which then by reason of a scant wind made a little way) very subtilly and against their natures, began in peace to traffique with us, giving us one thing for another very orderly, intending (as we perceived) hereby to work a greater mischief to us: intreating us by signs most earnestly to draw neerer towards the shoare, that they might (if possible) make the easier prey both of the ship and us. But these passing away, and others continually resorting, we were quickly able to guesse at them what they were: for if they received any thing once into their hands, they would neither give recompence nor restitution of it, but thought what ever they could finger to be their own: expecting alwaies with brows of brass to receive more, but would part with nothing: yea being rejected for their bad dealing, as those with whom we would have no more to do, using us so evilly, they could not be satisfied till they had given the attempt to revenge themselves, because we would not give them whatsoever they would have for nothing: and having stones good store in their canows, let flie a many of them against us. It was far from our Generals meaning to requite their malice by like injury. Yet that they might know he had power to do them harm (if he had listed) he caused a great peece to be shot off, not to hurt them but to affright them. Which wrought the desired effect amongst them, for at the noise thereof, they every own leaped out of his canow into the waters and diving under the keele of their boats, stayed them from going any way till our ship was gone a good way from them. Then they all lightly recovered into their canows, and got them with speed toward the shoare.

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1579. Notwithstanding other new companies (but all of the same mind) continually made resort upon vs. And, seeing that there was no good to be got by violence they put on a shew of seeming honettie, and offering in shew to deale with vs by way of exchange; under that pretence they cunningly fell a filching of what they could, and one of them puld a dagger & knives from one of our mens girdles, and being required to restore it again, he rather used what meanes he could to catch at more. Neither could we at all be rid of this ungracious company, till we made some of them feeble some smart as well as terror: and so we left that place by all passengers to bee known hereafter by the name of the *Island of Theeves*.

- October 3.* Till the 3. of *October* we could not get cleere of these comforts, but from thence we continued our course without sight of land till the 16. of the same moneth, when we fell with
Octob. 16. foure Islands standing in 7. de. 5. mi. to the northward of the line. We coasted them till the 21. day, and then anchored and
Octob. 21. watered upon the biggest of them called *Mindanao*. The 22. of *October* as we past between 2. Islands, about six or eight leagues south of *Mindanao*, there came from thence two can-
Octob. 22. nows, to have talked with us, and we would willingly have talked with them, but there arose so much wind that put us
Octob. 25. from them to the southwards. *October 25.* we passed by the Island named *Talao*, in 3. deg. 40. min. we saw to the North-
Octob. 30. ward of it three or foure other Islands, *Teda*, *Selan*, *Soran*, (3. Islands so named to us by an *Indian*) the middle whereof stands
Novem. 1. in 3. deg. we past the last save one of these, and 1. day of the following moneth in like manner, we past the Isle *Suaro*, in 1.
Novem. 3. deg. 30. mi. and the the 3. of *November* we came in sight of the Islands of the *Moluccaes* as we desired.

These are foure high picked Islands, their names, *Tirenates*, *Tidore*, *Matchan*, *Batchan*, all of them very fruitfull, and yeilding abundance of Cloves, whereof we furnished our selves of as much as we desired at very cheap rate. At the East of them lyes a very great Island called *Gillola*.

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We directed our course to have gone to *Tidore*, but in coasting along a little Island belonging to the King of *Terenate*, *Novemb. 4.* his Deputy or Viceroy with all expedition came off to our Ship in a Canow, and without any fear or doubting of our good meaning came presently aboard. Who after some conference with our Generall, intreated him by any meanes to runne with *Terenate*, not with *Tidore*, assuring him that his King would be wondrous glad of his comming, and be ready to doe for him what he could, and what our Generall in reason should require: For which purpose he himselfe would that night be with his King to carry him the news: with whom if he once dealt, he should find, that as he was a King so his word should stand; whereas if he dealt with the *Portugals* (who had the command of *Tidore*) he should find in them nothing but deceit and treachery. And besides that if he went to *Tidore* before he came to *Terenate*, then would his King have nothing to doe with us, for he held the *Portugall* as an Enemy. On these perswasions our Generall resolved to run with *Terenate*, where the next day very early in the morning we came to anchor: And presently, our General sent a messenger to the King with a velvet cloak for a present and token that his comming should be in peace: and that he required no other thing at his hands, but that (his Victuals being spent in so long a Voyage) he might have supply from him by way of traffique and exchange of Merchandise (wherof he had store of divers sorts) of such things as he wanted. Which he thought he might be the bolder to require at his hands, both for that the thing was lawfull, and that he offered him no prejudice or wrong therein, as also because he was entreated to repaire to that place by his Viceroy at *Mutir*, who assured him of necessary provision in such manner as now he required the same.

Before this, the Viceroy according to his promise had been with the King, signifying unto him what a mighty Prince and Kingdome we belonged unto, what good things the King might receive from us, not onely now; but for hereafter by way of

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traffique; yea what honour and benefit it might be to him, to be in league and friendship with so noble and famous a Prince as we served: And farther what a discouragement it would be to the *Portugals* his Enemies to hear and see it. In hearing wherof the King was so presently moved to the well liking of the matter, that before our Messenger could come half the way, he had sent the Viceroy with divers others of his Nobles and Councillors to our Generall, with speciall message that he should not only have what things he needed, or would require with peace and friendship, but that he would willingly entertaine amity with so famous and renowned a Prince as was ours, and that if it seemed good in her eyes to accept of it, he would sequester the commodities and traffique of his whole Island from others, especially from his enemies the *Portugals* (from whom he had nothing but by the Sword) and reserve it to the entercourse of our Nation, if we would embrace it: In token whereof he had now sent to our Generall his Signet, and would within short time after, come in his owne person with his brethren and Nobles with Boates or Canows into our Ship, and be a meanes of bringing her into a safer Harbour.

While they were delivering their message to us, our Messenger was come unto the Court, who being met by the way by certaine noble personages, was with great solemnity conveyed into the Kings presence; at whose hands he was most friendly and graciously entertained, and having delivered his errand together with his present unto the King, the King seemed to him to judge himselfe blame-worthy that he had not sooner hasted in person to present himselfe to our Generall, who came so far and from so great a Prince; And presently with all expedition, he made ready himselfe with the chiefeft of all his States and Councillors to make repair unto us.

The manner of his coming as it was Princely, so truly it seemed to us very strange and marvellous; serving at the present not so much to set out his owne royall and kingly state (vvhich vvas great) as to do honour to her Highnesse to vvhom vve belonged
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wherein how vwillingly he imployed himselfe, the Sequel will make manifest. 1579.

First therefore, before his coming, did he send off three great and large Canovves, in each whereof, were certain of the greatest personaegs that were about him, attired all of them in white Lavn, or cloth of Calecut, having over their heads, from one end of the Canovv to the other, a covering of thin and fine mats, born up by a frame made of Reeds, under vvhich every man sat in order according to his dignity; the hoary heads of many of them, set forth the greater reverence due to their persons, and manifestly shewed, that the King used the advise of a grave and prudent Counsell in his affaires. Besides these, were divers others, young and comely men, a great number attired in white as were the other, but with manifest differences: having their places also under the same covering, but in inferior order, as their calling required.

The rest of the men were Souldiers, who stood in comely order round about on both sides; on the outside of whom, againe did sit the rowers in certain galleries, which being three on each side all alongst the Canow, did lie off from the side therof, some three or four Yards, one being orderly builded lower then the other: in every of vvhich Galleries vvas an equall number of Barcks, whereon did sit the Rowers, about the number of fourscore in one Canow: In the forepart of each Canow, sat two men, the one holding a Tabret, the other a peece of Brasse, whereon they both at once stroke; and observing a due time and reasonable space betweene each stroke, by the sound thereof, directed the Rowers to keepe their stroke with their Oares; as on the contrary, the Rowers ending their stroke with a song, gave warning to the others to strike againe; and so continued they their way with marvelous swiftnesse: neither were their Canows naked or unfurnished of warlike munition, they had each of them, at least one small cast piece of about a yard in length mounted upon a stock, which was set upright; besides every man except the Rowers, had his Sword, Dagger, and Target,

and some of them some other weapons, as Lances, Callivers, Bowes, Arrows, and many Darts.

These Canowes comming neere our Ship in order, rowed round about us one after another; and the men as they passe by us, did us a kind of homage with great solemnity, the greaest Personages beginning first, with reverend countenance and behaviour to bow their bodies even to the ground: which done, they put our owne messenger aboard us againe, and signified to us that their King (who himselfe was comming) had sent them before him to conduct our Ship into a better roade, desiring a Halser to be given them forth, that they might employ their service as their King commanded, in towing our Ship therewith to the place assigned.

The King himselfe was not far behind, but he also with six grave and ancient Fathers in his Canow approching, did at once together with them, yeeld us a reverend kind of obeysance in far more humble manner, then was to be expected; he was of a tall stature, very corpulent and well set together, of a very Princely and gracious countenance; his respect amongst his owne was such, that neither his Viceroy of *Mutir* aforementioned, nor any other of his Counsellors, durst speake unto him but upon their knees, not rising againe till they were licenced.

Whose comming as it was to our Generall, no small cause of good liking, so was he received in the best manner we could, answerable unto his state: our Ordnance thundered, which we mixed with great store of small shor, among which sounding our trumpets and other instruments of musick, both of still and loud noise, wherwith he was so much delighted, that requesting our musick to come into the Boat, he joyned his Canow to the same, & was towed at least a whole houre together, with the boat at the sterne of our Ship: Besides this our Generall sent him such presents, as he thought, might both requite his courtesie already received, and worke a farther confirmation of that good liking and friendship already begun.

The King being thus in muscally paradise, and enjoying that
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wherewith he was so highly pleased; his brother named *Moro* with no lesse bravery, then any of the rest, accompanied also with a great number of gallant followers, made the like repair, and gave us like respect; and his homage done he fell a sterne of us, till we came to anchor: neither did our Generall leave his courtesie unrewarded, but bountifully pleased him also before we parted.

The King as soone as we were come to anchor, craved pardon to be gone, and so tooke leave, promising us, that the next day he would come aboard, and in the meane time would prepare and send such Victuals as were requisite and necessary for our provision.

Accordingly the same night, and the morrow following, we received what was there to be had, by way of traffique, to wit, Rice in pretty quantity, Hens, Sugar-canes, imperfect and liquid Sugar, a fruit which they call *Figo* (*Magellane* calls it a Fig of a span long, but is no other then that which the *Spaniards* and *Portugals* have named *Plantanes*) *Coco*s and a kind of meale which they call *Sago*, made of the tops of certaine trees, tasting in the mouth like sowre curdes, but melts away like Sugar; whereof they make a kinde of cake which will keepe good at least ten yeers; of this last we made the greatest quantity of our provision: for a few Cloves we did also traffique, whereof for a small matter, we might have had greater store, then we could well tell where to bestow: but our Generals care was that the Ship should not be too much pestered or annoyed therewith.

At the time appointed our Generall (having set all things in order to receive him) looked for the Kings returne, who failing both in time and promise, sent his Brother to make his excuse, and to intreat our Generall to come on shoar; his brother being the while to remain aboard, as a pawne for his safe returning: our Generall could willingly have consented, if the King himselfe had not first broke his word: the consideration whereof, bred an inter-dissliking in the whole company, who by no

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They being come somewhat neere unto the Castle, were received by another Brother of the Kings, and certaine others of the greatest States and conducted with great honour towards the Castle, where being brought into a large and faire house, they saw gathered together a great multitude of people, by supposition at least a thousand, the chief whereof were placed round about the House, according as it seemed to their degrees and calling, the rest remained without.

The House was in forme four square, covered all over with cloth of divers colours, not much unlike our usuall Pentadoes borne upon a frame of Reeds, the sides being open from the groundsell to the covering, and furnished with seates round about: it seemes it was there Councell house and not commonly employed to any other use.

At the side of this house next unto the Castle was seated the chaire of state, having directly over it, and extending very largely every way, a very faire and rich Canopy, as the ground also for some ten or twelve paces compasse, was covered with cloth of Arras.

Whilest our Gentlemen attended in this place the coming of the King, which was about the space of halfe an hour, they had the better opportunity to observe these things; as also that before the Kings coming, there were already set threescore noble grave and ancient personages, all of them reported to be of the Kings privy Councell; at the nether end of the house were placed a great company of young men, of comely personage and attire. Without the house on the right side, stood four

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ancient comely hoare-headed men, clothed all in red downe to the ground, but attired on their heads not much unlike the *Turks*; these they called *Romans*, or *Strangers*, who lay as *Lidgiers* there to keepe continuall traffique with this people: there were also two *Turks* one *Italian* as *Lidgiers*; and last of all one *Spaniard*, who being freed by the Kings out of the hands of the *Portugals*, in the recovering of the Island, served him now in stead of a Souldier.

The King at last coming from the Castle with 8. or 10. more grave Senators following him, had a very rich Canopy (adorned in the middest with Embossings of Gold) borne over him, and was guarded with 12. Lances the points turned downward: our men (accompanied with *Moro* the Kings brother) arose to meet him, and he very graciously did welcome and entertain them.

He was for Person, such as we have before described him, of low voice, temperate in speech, of Kingly demeanour, and a *Moore* by Nation. His attire was after the fashion of the rest of his Country, but far more sumptuous, as his condition and state required: from the Waste to the ground, was all Cloth of Gold, and that very rich; his Legs bare, but on his Feet a paire of Shooes of Cordivant died Red: in the attire of his head, were finely wreathed in divers rings of plated Gold, of an inch, or an inch and halfe in bredth, which made a fair and princely shew, somewhat resembling a crowne in forme; about his necke he had a chaine of perfect Gold, the linkes very great and one fold double; on his left hand was a Diamond, an Emerald, a Ruby, and a Turkey, four very fair and perfect jewels; on his right hand in one Ring, a big and perfect Turkey, and in another Ring many Diamonds of a smaller size, very artificiall set and couched together.

As thus he sat in his Chaire of State, at his right side there stood a Page with a very costly fan (richly embrodered and beset with Saphires) breating and gathering the aire to refresh the King, the place being very hot, both by reason of the Sun, and the assembly of so great a multitude. After a while our gentle-
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men having delivered their message, and received answer, were licenced to depart, and were safely conducted backe againe, by one of the chiefe of the Kings Councell, who had charge from the King himselfe to performe the same.

Our Gentlemen observing the Castle as well as they could, could not conceive it to be a place of any great force two onely Canons they there saw, and those at that present untraverfable because unmounted. These with all other furniture of like sort which they have, they have gotten them from the *Portugals*, by whom the Castle it self was also builded, whiles they inhabited that place and Island. Who seeking to settle a tyrannous government (as in other places so) over this people, and not contenting themselves with a better estate then they deserved (except they might (as they thought) make sure worke by leaving none of the royall blood alive, who should make challenge to the Kingdome) cruelly murdered the King himselfe (father to him who now raignes) and intended the like to all his sons. Which cruelty instead of establishing brought such a shaking on their usurped estate, that they were faine, without covenanting to carry away Goods, Munition, or any thing else to quit the place and the whole Island to save their lives.

For the present King with his brethren in revenge of their fathers murther, so bestirred themselves, that the *Portugall* was wholly driven from that Island, and glad that he yet keeps footing in *Tidore*. These four yeeres this King hath been encreasing, and was (as was affirmed) at that present, Lord of an hundred Islands thereabout; and was even now preparing his forces to hazard a chance with the *Portugals* for *Tidore* it selfe.

The People are *Moores*, whose Religion consists much in certaine superstitious observations of new Moones, and certaine seasons with a rigid and strickt kind of fasting. We had experience hereof in the Viceroy and his retinue who lay aboard us all the time for the most part during our abode in this place: who during their prescribed time, would neither eat nor drinke, not so much as a cup of cold water in the day (so zealous are they
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in their selfe devised worship) but yet in the night would eate three times and that very largely. This *Terenate* stands in 27. min. North latitude.

While we rode at anchor in the harbour of *Terenate*, besides the Natives there came aboard us another, a goodly Gentleman, very well accompanied with his Interpreter, to view our Ship, and to conferre with our Generall; he was apparelled much after our manner most near and Courtlike; his carriage the most respective, and full of discreet behaviour that ever we had seen; He told us that he was himselfe but a stranger in those Islands, being a naturall of the Province of *Paghia* in *China*; his name, *Pausaas* of the family of *Hombu*; of which family there had 11. reigned in continuall succession these two hundred years, and King *Boxog* by the death of his elder brother (who died by a fall from his Horse) the rightfull heire of all *China*, is the twelfth of this race, he is 22. years of age; his Mother yet living: he hath a Wife, and by her one Son: he is well beloved, and highly honoured of all his subjects, and lives in great peace from any feare of Forreign invasion: but it was not this mans fortune to enjoy his part of this happinesse both of his King and Country, as he most desired.

For being accused of a capitall crime whereof (though free) yet he could not evidently make his Innocency appeare, and knowing the peremptory justice of *China*, to be irrevocable, if he should expect the sentence of the Judges; he before hand made suite to his King, that it would please him to commit his trial to Gods providence and judgement, and to that end to permit him to travel, on this condition, that if he brought not home some worthy Intelligence, such as his Majestie had never had before, and were most fit to be known, and most honourable for *China*, he should for ever live an Exile, or else dye for daring to set foot againe in his owne Country: for he was assured that the God of Heaven had care of Innocency.

The King granted his suite, and now he had been three yeares abroad, and at this present came from *Tidore* (where he had remained

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maintained two Months) to see the *English* Generall, of whom he heard such strange things, and from him (if it pleased God to afford it) to learne some such Intelligence as might make way for his returne into his Country, and therefore he earnestly intreated our Generall, to make relation to him of the occasion, way, and manner of his comming so far from *England* thither, with the manifold Occurrences that had happened to him by the way.

Our Generall gave ample satisfaction to each part of his request; the stranger harkned with great attention and delight to his discourse, and as he naturally excelled in memory (besides his help of Art to better the same) so he firmly printed it in his mind, and with great reverence thanked God, who had so unexpectedly brought him, to the notice of such admirable things. Then fell he to intreate our Generall with many most earnest and vehement perswasions, that he would be content to see his Country before his departure any farther Westward, that it should be a most pleasant, most honourable, and most profitable thing for him that he should gain hereby the notice, & carry home the description of one of the most ancient, mightiest and richest Kingdoms in the world. Hereupon he took occasion to relate the number and greatnesse of the Provinces, with the rare Commodities and good things they yeelded; the number, stateliness, and riches of their Cities, with what abundance of Men, Victuals, Munition, and all manner of necessaries & delightful things they were stored with. In particular, touching Ordnance and great Guns (the late invention of a sea-bird *Frier* amongst us in *Europe*) he related that in *Sunaien* (by some called *Quinzai*) which is the chiefest City of all *China*, they had braske Ordnance of all sorts (much easier to be traversed then ours were, and so perfectly made that they would hit a shilling) above two thousand yeeres agoe. With many other worthy things which our Generals own experience (if it would please him to make triall) would (better then his relation) assure him of. The brize would shortly serve very fitly to carry him thither
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and he himself would accompany him all the way. He accounted himselfe a happy man, that he had but seen and spoken with us; the relation of it might perhaps serve him to recover favour in his Country; but if he could prevaile with our Generall himselfe to goe thither, he doubted not but it would be a meanes of his great advancement, and increase of honour with his King. Norwithstanding our Generall could not on any such perswasions be induced, and so the stranger parted sorry, that he could not prevaile in his request, yet exceeding glad of the Intelligence he had learned.

By the ninth of *November* having gotten what provision the place could afford us, we then set sayle; and considering that our Ship for want of trimming was now growne foule, that our caske and vessels for water were much decayed; and that divers other things stood in need of reparation; our next care was, how we might fall with such a place where with safety we might a while stay for the redressing of these inconveniencies. The calmnesse of the winds, which are almost continuall before the coming of the brize (which was not yet expected) perswaded us it was the fittest time that we could take. Nov. 9.

With this resolution we sailed along till *November 14.* at what time we arrived at a little Island (to the Southward of *Celebes*) standing in 1. deg. 40. min. towards the pole antarticke; which being without Inhabitants, gave us the better hope of quiet abode. We anchored, and finding the place convenient for our purposes (there wanting nothing here which we stood in need of, but onely water which we were faine to fetch from another Island somewhat farther to the South) made our abode here for six and twenty whole dayes together. Nov. 14.

The first thing we did, we pitched our Tents and intrenched our selves as strongly as we could upon the shoare, least at any time perhaps we might have been disturbed by the Inhabitants of the greater Island which lay not far to the Westward of us; after we had provided thus for our security, we landed our Goods, and had a Smiths Forge set up, both for the making of

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some necessary Shipworke, and for the repairing of some Iron-hooped Caskes, without which they could not long have served our use: and for that our Smiths Coals were all spent long before this time; there was order given and followed for the burning of Charcoale, by which that want might be supplied.

We trimd our Ship, and performed our other busineses to our content. The place affording us not onely all necessaries (which we had not of our owne before) thereunto, but also wonderfull refreshing to our wearied bodies, by the comfortable reliefe and excellent provision that here we found, whereby of sickly, weake, and decayed (as many of us seemed to be before our comming hither we in short space grew all of us to be strong, lusty, and healthfull persons. Besides this, we had rare experience of Gods wonderfull wisdom in many rare and admirable creatures which here we saw.

The whole Island is a through grown wood, the trees for the most part are of large and high stature, very straight and clean without bowes, save onely in the very top. The leaves whereof are not much unlike our Brooms in *England*: Among these Trees, night by night did shew themselves an infinite swarme of Firie-seeming wormes flying in the aire, whose bodies (no bigger then an ordinary Flye) did make a shew, and give such light as if every twig on every Tree had been a lighted Candle: or as if that place had beene the Starry Sphear. To these we may adde the relation of another, almost as strange a creature, which here we saw, and that was an innumerable multitude of huge Bats or Reare-mice, equalling or rather exceeding a good Hen in bignesse. They flie with marvelous swiftnesse, but their flight is very short; and when they light, they hang onely by the bowes with their backs downeward.

Neither may we without ingratitude (by reason of the special use we made of them) omit to speak of the huge multitude of a certaine kind of Crayfish, of such a size, that one was sufficient to satisfy four hungry men at a dinner, being a very good and restorative meat; the speciall means (as we conceived it) of our increase of health. They

They are as farre as we could perceive, utter strangers to the Sea, living alwayes on the Land; where they worke themselves earths, as doe the conies, or rather they dig great and huge caves under the rootes of the most huge and monstrous Trees, where they lodge themselves by companies together. Of the same sort and kind, we found in other places, about the Iland *Celebes* some that for want of other refuge, when we came to take them, did clime up into trees to hide themselves, whether we were enforced to climb after them, if we would have them, which we would not stick to do rather then to be without them: this Iland we called *Crab-Iland*.

All necessary causes of our staying longer in this place being at last finished, our Generall prepared to be in a readinesse, to take the first advantage of the comming of the brize or winde which we expected; and having the day before, furnished our selves with fresh water from the other Iland, and taken in provision of Wood and the like: *December 12.* we put to Sea directing our course toward the West: the 16. day we had sight of the Iland *Celebes* or *Silebis*, but having a bad wind, and being intangled among many Ilands, incumbred also with many other difficulries, & some dangers, & at last meeting with a deep Bay, out of which we could not in three dayes turne out againe, we could not by any meanes recover the North of *Silebis*, or continue on our course farther West, but were inforced to alter the same toward the South; finding that course also to be both difficult and very dangerous, by reason of many shoales, which lay far off here and there among the Ilands, insomuch, that in all our passages from *England* hitherto, we had never more care to keepe our selves afloat, and from sticking on them: thus were we forced to beat up and downe with extraordinary care and circumspection till *January 9.* at which time, we supposed that we had at last attained a free passage, the land turning evidently in our sight about to Westward, and the Winde being enlarged followed us as we desired with a reasonable Gale.

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Dec. 16.

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When loe on a sudden, when we least suspected no shew or suspicion

1579. suspicion of danger appearing to us, and we were now sailing onward with full sails, in the beginning of the first watch of the said day at night, even in a moment our ship was laid up fast upon a desperate shoal, with no other likelihood in appearance, but that we with her must there presently perish: there being no probability how any thing could be saved, or any Person escape alive.

The unexpectednesse of so extreame a danger, presently roused us up to looke about us, but the more we looked, the lesse hope we had of getting clear of it againe, so that nothing now presenting it selfe to our mindes, but the ghastly appearance of instant death, affording no respite or time prusing, called upon us to turne our thoughts another way, to renounce the World, to deny our selves, and to commend our selves into the mercifull hands of our most gracious God; to this purpose we presently fell prostrate, and with joyned prayers sent up unto the throne of grace, humbly besought Almighty God, to extend his mercy unto us in his Son *Christ Jesus*; and so preparing as it were our necks unto the blocke, we every minute expected the finall stroke to be given unto us.

Notwithstanding that we expected nothing but imminent death, yet (that we might not seeme to tempt God, by leaving any second meanes unattempred which he afforded) presently as soon as prayers were ended, our General (exhorting us to have the especiallest care of the better part, *to wit*, the Soule, and adding many comfortable speeches of the joyes of that other life, which we now alone looked for) incouraged us all to bestirre our selves, shewing us the way thereto by his owne example; and first of all the Pump being wel plyed, and the ship freed of Water, we found our Leakes to be nothing increased, which though it gave us no hope of deliverance, yet it gave us some hope of respite, insomuch, as it assured us that the Bulke was sound, which truly we acknowledged to be an immediate providence of God alone, insomuch, as no strength of wood and Iron could have possibly born so hard and violent a shock, as our Ship

Ship did, dashing herselfe under full saile against the Rocks, except the extraordinary hand of God, had supported the same.

Our next assay was for good ground and anchor-hold, to Seaward of us (wheron to hale) by which meanes if by any, our Generall put us in comfort, that there was yet left some hope to cleer our selves; in his owne person, he therefore undertooke the charge of sounding, and but even a Boats length from the Ship, he found that the bottom could not by any length of line be reached unto; so that the beginnings of hope, which we were willing to have conceived before, were by this meanes quite dast againe; yea, our misery seemed to be increased, for whereas at first we could looke for nothing but a present end, that expectation was now turned, into the awaiting for a lingring death; of the two, the far more fearefull to be chosen; one thing fell out happily for us, that the most of our men did not conceive this thing, which had they done, they would in all likelihood have been so much discouraged, that their sorrow would the more disable them, to have sought the remedy; our Generall with those few others, that could judge of the event wisely, diff'mbling the same, and giving in the meantime cheerful speeches, and good encouragements unto the rest.

For whiles it seemed to be a clear case, that our Ship was so fast moored, that she could not stirre; it necessarily followed, that either we were there to remaine on the place with her; or else leaving her to commit our selves in a most poore and helpelesse state to seeke some other place of stay and refuge, the better of which two choices, did carry with it the appearance of worse then one thousand deaths.

As touching our Ship this was the comfort that she could give us, that she herselfe lying there confined already upon the hard and pinching Rocks, did tell us plaine, that she continually expected her speedy dispatch; as soone as the Sea and windes should come, to be the severe Executioners of that heavy judgement, by the appointment of the eternall judge already
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1579. dy given upon her, who had committed her there to Adamantine bounds in a most narrow prison, against their comming for that purpose: so that if we would stay with her, we must perish with her; or if any by any yet unperceivable meanes, should chance to be delivered, his escape must needs be a perpetuall misery, it being far better to have perished together, then with the losse and absence of his friends, to live in a strange Land: whether a solitary life (the better choice) among wild Beasts, as a Bird on the Mountaines without all comfort, or among the barbarous people of the Heathen, in intollerable bondage both of body and mind.

And put the case that her day of destruction should be deferred, longer then either reason could perswade us, or in any likelihood could seeme possible (it being not the power of Earthly things to indure what she had suffred already) yet could our abode there profit us nothing, but increase our wretchednesse, and enlarge our sorrows, for as her store and Victuals were not much (sufficient to sustaine us onely some few dayes, without hope of having any increase, no nor so much as a cup of cold water) so must it inevitably come to passe, that we (as children in the Mothers Womb) should be driven even to eat the flesh from of our owne Arms, she being no longer able to sustaine us; and how horrible a thing this would have proved, is easie by any one to be perceived.

And whither (had we departed from her) should we have received any comfort; nay the very impossibility of going, appeared to be no lesse, then those other before mentioned: our Boat was by no meanes able at once to carry above 20. persons with any safety, and we were 58 in all, the neereft Land was six leagues from us, and the winde from the shoar directly bent against us; or should we have thought of setting some a shoare, and after that to have fetched the rest, there being no place thereabout without Inhabitants, the first that had landed must first have fallen into the hand of the Enemy, and so the rest in order, and though perhaps we might escape the Sword, yet
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would our life have been worse then death, not alone in respect of our wofull captivity, and bodily miseries, but most of all in respect of our Christian liberty, being to be deprived of all publique meanes of serving the true God, and continually grieved with the horrible impieties and divellish Idolatries of the Heathen.

Our misery being thus manifest, the very consideration wherof must needs have shaken flesh and blood, if faith in Gods promises had not mightily sustained us, we past the night with earnest longings that the day would once appeare, the meane time we spent in often prayers and other godly exercises, thereby comforting our selves, and refreshing our hearts, striving to bring our selves to an humble submission under the hand of God, and to a referring our selves wholly to his good will and pleasure.

The day therefore at length appearing, and it being almost full Sea about that time, after we had given thanks to God for his forbearing of us hitherto, and with teares called upon him to blesse our labours; we againe renewed our travell, to see if we could now possibly find any anchor-hold, which we had formerly sought in vaine. But this second attempt proved as fruitlesse as the former, and left us nothing to trust to, but prayers and tears seeing it appeared impossible that ever the forecast, counsell, pollicy, or power of man could ever effect the delivery of our Ship, except the Lord onely miraculously should do the same.

It was therefore presently motioned, and by generall voyce determined to commend our case to God alone, leaving our selves wholly in his hand; to spill or save us as seeme best to his gracious wisdom. And that our faith might be the better strengthned, and the comfortable apprehension of Gods mercy in Christ be more clearly felt; we had a Sermon, and the Sacrament of the body and blood of our Saviour celebrated.

After this sweet repast was thus received, and other holy exercises adjoynd were ended. lest we should seeme guilty in any respect

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respect for using all lawfull means we could not invent; we fell to one other practise yet unassayed, *to wit*, to unloading of our Ship by casting some of her goods into the Sea; which thing as it was attempted most willingly, so was it dispatched in very short time. So that even those things which we before this time nor any other in our case could be without, did now seeme as things onely worthy to be despised; yea, we were herein so forward, that neither our munition for defence, nor the very meale for sustentation of our lives could find favour with us, but every thing as it first came to hand went overboard, assuring our selves of this, that if it pleased God once to deliver us out of that most desperate strait wherein we were, he would fight for us against our Enemies, neither would he suffer us to perish for want of bread. But when all was done, it was not any of our endeavours, but Gods onely hand that wrought our delivery; 'twas he alone that brought us even under the very stroke of death; 'twas he alone that said unto us, Returne againe ye sons of men; 'twas he alone that set us at liberty again, that made us safe & free, after that we had remained in the former miserable condition, the full space of twenty hours, to his glorious name be the everlasting praise.

The manner of our delivery (for the relation of it will especially be expected) was onely this. The place whereon we sat so fast was a firme Rock in a cleft, whereof it was we stucke on the Larboard side, at low Water there was not above six foot depth in all on the Starboard, within little distance as you have heard no bottome to be found, the Brize during the whole time that we thus were stayed, blew somewhat stiffe directly against our broad side, and so perforce kept the Ship upright: It pleased God in the beginning of the tide, while the water was yet almost at lowest, to slacke the stiffnesse of the Wind; and now our Ship who required thirteene foote water to make her fleet; and had not at that time on the one side above seven at most, wanting her prop on the other side, which had too long already kept her up, fell a heeling towards the deepe Water,

rer, and by that meanes freed her Keele and made us glad men. 1579.

This shoale is at least three or four leagues in length, it lyes in two deg. lacking three or foure minutes South latitude. The day of this deliverance was the tenth of *January*.

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Of all the dangers that in our whole Voyage we met with, this was the greatest, but it was not the last as may appeare by what ensueth. Neither could we indeed for a long season free our selves from the continuall care and feare of them; nor could we ever come to any convenient anchoring, but were continually for the most part tost amongst the many Islands and shoales (which lye in infinite number round about on the South parts of *Celebes*) till the eighth day of the following Moneth.

Jan. 12. being not able to beare our sayles by reason of the tempest and fearing of the dangers, we let fall our anchors upon

a shoal in 3. deg. 30. min. *Jan. 14.* we were gotten a little farther

South, whereat an Island in 4. deg. 6 min. we againe cast anchor and spent a day in watering and wooding. After this we met with foule weather, Westerly winds, and dangerous shoales for many dayes together; insomuch, that we were utterly weary of this coast of *Sillebis*, and thought best to bear with *Timor*. The Southermost cape of *Sillebis* stands in 5. deg. that side the line.

But of this coast of *Sillebis* we could not so easily clear our selves. The 20. of *Janu.* we were forced to run with a small I-

land not far from thence; where having sent our Boat a good distance from us to search out a place where we might anchor: we were suddenly environed with no small extremities, for there arose a most violent, yea an intollerable flaw and storme out of the Southwest against us, making us (who were on a Lee shoar amongst most dangerous and hidden shoales) to feare extreemly not onely the losse of our Boat and Men, but the present losse of our selves, our Ship and goods, or the casting of those men whom God should spare into the hands of Infidels. Which misery could not by any Power or Industry of ours have been avoided, if the mercifull goodnesse of God had not (by staying the outrageous extremities wherewith we were set

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1579. upon) wrought our present delivery, by whose unspeakable mercy our men and Boat also were unexpected, yet safely, restored unto us.

Jan. 26. We gat off from this place as well as we could, and continued on our course till the 26. day, when the winde tooke us, very strong against us, West and West Southwest, so as that we could beare no more saile, till the end of that Moneth was full expired.

Feb. 1. February 1. we saw very high land, and as it seemed well inhabited, we would faine have borne with it to have got some succout, but the weather was so ill, that we could find no Harbour, and we were very fearfull of adventuring our selves too farre, amongst the many dangers which were neere the shoar. The third day also we saw a little Island, but being unable to bear any saile, but onely to lye at Hull, we were by the storme carried away, and could not fetch it. February 6. we saw five Islands, one of them towards the East, and foure towards the West of us, one bigger then another, at the biggest of which we cast anchor, and the next day watred and wooded.

Feb. 8. After we had gone hence on February 8. we descried two Canowes, who having descried us as it seemes before, came willingly unto us, and talked with us, alluring and conducting us to their Towne not far off, named *Barativa*, it stands in 7. deg. 13. min. South the line.

The People are *Gentiles* of handsome body, and comely stature, of civill demeanour, very just in dealing, and courteous to strangers, of all which we had evident prooffe, they shewing themselves most glad of our comming and cheerfully ready to relieve our wants, with whatsoever their Country could afford. The men goe all naked save their heads and secret parts, every one having one thing or other hanging at his eares. Their women are covered from the middle to the foot wearing upon their naked arms Bracelets, and that in no small number, some having nine at least upon each arme, made for the most part of horne or brasfe, whereof the lightest (by our estimation) would weigh two ounces.

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With this People linnen cloth (wherof they make roles for their heads and girdles to weare about their loynes) is the best Merchandise and of greatest estimation. They are also much delighted with *Margaretas* (which in their language they call *Saletas*) and such other like trifles.

Their Island is both rich and fruitfull, rich in Gold, Silver, Copper, Tin, Sulphur, &c. neither are they onely expert to try those mettals, but very skilfull also in working of them artificially, into divers Forms and Shapes, as pleaseth them best. Their fruits are divers likewise and plentiful, as Nutmegs, Ginger, long Pepper, Limons, Cucumbers, Coccoes, Figoes, Sagu, with divers other sorts, whereof we had one in reasonable quantity, in bignesse forme and huske, much like a bay-berry, hard in substance, but pleasant in tast, which being sod becometh soft, and is a most profitable and nourishing meat; of each of these we received of them, whatsoever we desired for our need; insomuch, that such was Gods gracious goodnesse to us) the old Proverbe was verified with us, *After a storme cometh a calme, after warre peace, after scarcity followeth plenty*; so that in all our Voyage (*Terenate* onely excepted) from our departure out of our owne Country hitherto, we found not any where greater comfort and refreshing, then we did at this time in this place, in refreshing and furnishing our selves; here we spent two dayes, and departed hence *February 10.*

When we were come into the height of 8. deg. 4. min. *Feb. 11.* 12. in the morning we espied a green Island to the Southward; not long after, two other Islands on the same side, and a great one more towards the North; they seemed all to be well inhabited, but we had neither need nor desire to goe to visit them, and so we past by them. The 14. day we saw some other reasonable big Islands, and *February 16.* we past betweene foure or five big Islands more which lay in the height 9. deg. 40. min.

The 18. we cast anchor under a little Island, whence we departed againe the day following; we wooded here, but other relief except two Turtles we received none.

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Feb. 22. The 22. day we lost sight of three Islands on our Starboard side which lay in ten deg. and some odde minutes.

Mar. 9. After this, we past on to the Westward without stay or any thing to be taken notice of, till the ninth of *March* when in the morning we espyed land, some part therof very high in 8. d. 20. m. South latitude; here we anchored that night, & the next day

Mar. 10. weighed againe, and bearing farther North, and neerer the shoar we came to anchor the second time.

The eleventh of *March* we first tooke in water, and after sent our Boat againe to shoare, where we had Traffique with the people of the Country; whereupon the same day, we brought our Ship more neere the Towne; and having settled our selves there that night, the next day our General sent his man a shoar, to present the King with certain Cloth both Linnen and Woollen, besides some Silkes, which he gladly and thankfully received, and returned Rice, Coccoes, Hennes, and other Victuals in way of recompence. This Island we found to be the Island *Java* the middle whereof stands in 7. deg. and 30. min. beyond the Equator.

Mar. 13. The 13. of *March* our General himself with many of his gentlemen, and others went to shoare, and presented the King (of whom he was joyfully and lovingly received) with his musicke, and shewed him the manner of our use of Arms, by training his men with their Pikes and other weapons, which they had before him; for the present we were entertained as we desired, and at last dismissed with a promise of more Victuals to be shortly sent us.

In this Island there is one chiefe, but many under-governors or petty kings, whom they call *Raias*, who live in great familiarity and friendship one with another. The 14. day we received
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Mar. 15. Victuals from two of them, and the day after that, to wit, the 15. three of these Kings in their owne Persons came aboard to see our Generall, and to view our ship and warlike munition. They were well pleased with what they saw, and with the entertainment which we gave them. And after these had been with us,
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and on their returne had as it seemes related what they found, 1579.
Raia Donan the chief King of the whole land bringing Victuals
 with him for our relief; he also the next day after came aboard
 us. Few were the dayes that one or more of these kings did misse
 to visit us, insomuch, that we grew acquainted with the names
 of many of them, as of *Raia Pataira*, *Raia Cabocapalla*, *Raia*
Mangbango, *Raia Bocabarra*, *Raia Timbanton*; whom our Ge-
 nerall alwayes entertained with the best cheere that we could
 make, and shewed them all the commodities of our Ship, with
 our Ordnance and other Arms and Weapons, and the severall
 furnitures belonging to each, and the uses for which they ser-
 ved. His musick also and all things else whereby he might doe
 them pleasure, wherein they tooke exceeding great delight with
 admiration.

One day amongst the rest, viz. *March 21. Raia Donan* com-
 ming aboard us, in requitall of our musicke which was made to *Mar. 21.*
 him, presented our Generall with his Country musicke, which
 though it were of a very strange kind, yet the sound was plea-
 sant and delightfull: the same day he caused an Oxe also to be
 brought to the waters side, and delivered to us, for which he
 was to his content rewarded by our Generall, with divers sorts
 of very costly Silkes which he held in great esteeme.

Though our often giving entertainment in this manner, did
 hinder us much in the speedy dispatching of our busineses, and
 made us spend the more dayes about them, yet here we found
 all such convenient helpes, that to our contents we at last ended
 them; the matter of great Importance which we did (besides
 Victualling) was the new trimming and washing of our Ship,
 which by reason of our long Voyage was so overgrowne with a
 kind of a shell-fish sticking fast unto her, that it hindred excee-
 dingly, and was a great trouble to her sayling.

The People (as are their Kings) are a loving, a very true and
 just dealing People. We traffiqued with them for Hens,
 Goats, Coccoes, Planrons, and other kind of Victuals, which they
 offered us in such plenty that we might have laden our Ship if
 we had needed.

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1580. We tooke our leaves and departed from them the 26. of
 Mar. 26. *March*, and set our course West South West, directly towards
 the cape of good hope, or *Bon Esperance*, and continued without
 May 21. touch of ought, but aire and water, till the 21. of *May*, when we
 espied land (to wit a part of the maine *Africa*) in some places
 very high under the latitude of 31. deg. and halfe.
 June 15. We coasted along till *June* 15. on which day, having very
 faire weather, and the Wind at Southeast, we past the Cape
 it selfe so neere in sight, that we had beene able with our pieces
 to have shot to land.
 July 15. *July* 15. we fell with the land againe about *Rio de se sto*, where
 we saw many *Negroes* in their Boats a fishing, wherof two came
 very neer us, but we cared not to stay, nor had any talke or deal-
 ing with them.
 July 22. The 22. of the same moneth, we came to *Sierra Leona*, and
 spent two dayes for watering in the mouth of *Tagoine*, and then
 July 24. put to Sea again; here also we had Oysters, and plenty of Lem-
 mons, which gave us good refreshing.
 Aug. 15. We found our selves under the Tropick of *Cancer* *August*
 Aug. 16. 15. having the winde at Northeast, and we 50 leagues off from
 the neereft land.

The 22. day we were in the height of the *Canaries*.

- Sep. 26. And the 26 of *Sept.* (which was munday in the just and ordi-
 nary reckoning of those that had stayed at home in one place or
 Country, but in our cōputation was the Lords day or Sunday)
 we safely with joyfull minds and thankful hearts to God, arived
 at *Plimoth*, the place of our first setting forth after we had spent
 2. yeeres 10 moreths and some few odde dayes beside, in seeing
 the wonders of the Lord in the deep, in discovering so many ad-
 mirable things, in going through with so many strange adven-
 tures, in elscaping out of so many dangers, and overcoming so
 many difficulries in this our encompassing of this nether Globe,
 and passing round about the World, which we have related.

Soli rerum maxingrum Effectori,
 Soli totius mundi Gubernatori,
 Soli suorum Conservatori,
 Soli Deo sit semper Gloria.
 F I N I S.